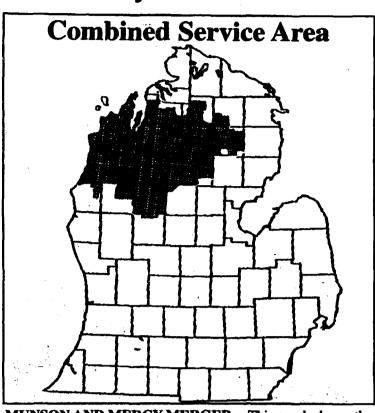
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Inside: Home *Improvement* Section

# **Munson Healthcare merges** with Mercy Health Services



MUNSON AND MERCY MERGER -- This graph shows the new combined service area brought about by the merging of Mercy Health Services and Munson Healthcare.

Mercy Health Services (MHS) and Munson Healthcare (MHC) announced a new partnership that will ensure continued quality, affordable health care and expanded services to patients in northern lower Michigan.

The partnership involves Mercy Health Services North (MHSN) based in Cadillac and Grayling and Munson Healthcare operations based in Traverse City.

This partnership represents a long-term commitment by Mercy and Munson to provide a broader scope of health services in local communities.

Munson will have management responsibility for the Mercy Health Services North facilities and services. The partnership does not include a merger of assets.

Mercy Hospitals in Cadillac and Grayling and its affiliated health centers will continue their Catholic identity and the mission, values and philosophy of Mercy Health

'We've developed a partnership that best meets patient needs throughout northern Michigan,"

said Robert Laverty, executive vice president, system integration, Mercy Health Services.

"For more than 80 years," continued Laverty, "the Sisters of Mercy have demonstrated their commitment to health care in the north, but recognized the need to establish a formal partnership with a larger system in northern Michigan to strengthen its mission. We have determined Munson is the best part-

According to Munson Healthcare CEO John Rockwood, "Creating this partnership reinforces our commitment to support the provision of health care in communities in northern Michigan. As a result of this agreement, we expect to improve local access to services offered in these communities."

Administrative, physician, and board representatives of each organization have been involved in extensive discussions since the summer of 1997. The talks have been supported by the governing boards. senior management, and representatives of the Religious Sisters of

See "Mercy..." pg. 2-A

# Everything you ever needed to know about 911

by Shirley D. Schmoock Special Writer

The chaotic imagery generated by television programming on 911 dispatch operations, "is nothing like the real 911 office," said Larry Akers, director for Crawford Emergency Central Dispatch in Grayling.

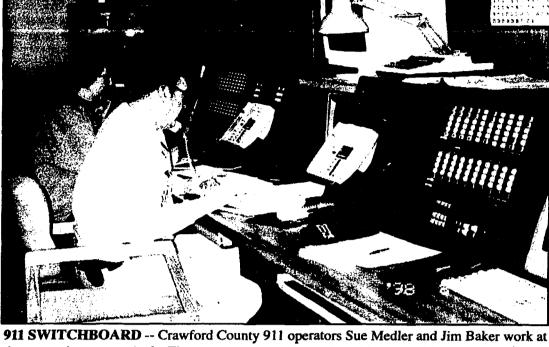
But to those who depend upon it, it's invaluable.

And it sure gets busy, Akers admits, though the bulk of the 911 calls in the Grayling office are not emergency related. The majority of them are made to assist law enforcement agencies do their job, and without the help of 911 operators, the criminal justice system in Crawford County would be missing its right arm.

Crawford Emergency Central Dispatch (911) in Grayling is not a big city, emergency response operation, nor is it staffed with a host of medical technicians who talk frantic young women through labor and madmen out of their weapons. It does, however, try to calm anxious children when they find their parents gone, and it one case...

"This elderly lady called to see if you could substitute nutmeg for cinnamon in tea."

Most of the 36,756 operatorassisted calls and LEIN (Law Enforcement Identification) checks are to aid the Michigan State Police, the Crawford County Sheriff's Department, and the Grayling City Police Department. Unfortunately, nearly 10 percent of calls are categorized as abandoned or non-response calls, requiring operator activity and tracking but,



the system's two terminals. The response system is used to aid state and local law enforment as well as handle emergency calls from the public. County budget problems have put the 911 operation in jeopardy. Photo by Shirley D. Schmoock.

no further action.

"We prioritize all calls," said Akers, "with fire and law enforcement at the top of the list."

Again, the majority of the area agencies dispatched to emergency situations were units of law enforcement, with thousands of calls each to the Crawford County Sheriff, the Grayling Police and the Michigan State Police.

An example of an officer assisted

When an officer calls to identify

an automobile, a driver, or the passengers in the subject vehicle, 911 operators enter the available information into three computer data

The first receives the location and license number. The 911 office then runs the license plate through the Secretary of State's computer. This check identifies the vehicle

The second computerized check identifies the subject. This is done in 90 percent of the cases when a

traffic stop is made, Akers said.

The third check is through the FBI's criminal records files, where outstanding warrants are disclosed, either in or out-of-state. These reports come across fiber optic cables into the 911 office in a matter of seconds, eliminating costly minutes when the officer may be at

The printing of this information actually seems to take longer than the receipt of the information itself. See"Everything you..." Pg. 3-A

# Road Commission outlines 1998 summer work program

The Crawford County Road River Road and Lovells Road will Commission will soon embark on its . continue this summer. extensive 1998 Summer Work Program.

The Road Commission's work force will take on a variety of mainareas. Part of the program involves stumps, mounds and old posts. road and bridge work, which will be performed by private contractors selected through a competitive bid-

The program should result in more construction and improved maintenance, with minimal depletion of commission resources.

Part of the program will include road sign improvements. Over 100 stop signs will be placed throughout the county. Also, the 1997/1998 sign safety program on major roads such as County Road 612, North Down

The prison crew will be clearing areas near and before signs to improve visibility for motorists. This includes removal of such bothtenance services in a number of ersome obstructions as brush,

> Sign crews will be properly super vised in order to protect the workers and the public in addition to helping guarantee that quality work will be

> The sign program is funded mostly by back to back federal grants of \$100,000.

Roads to receive maintenance include Townline Rd., Conners Flat Rd., Walsh Rd. and Pioneer Rd. The commission has applied for funds to reconstruct McMasters Bridge Road through the Public Lands Highway

As of now, funding for some maintenance on North Down River Road has been set aside. Two miles

of the road will be worked on, including guardrail replacement and shoulder shaping. Any additional See "Crawford County." pg. 3-A

for gowks' - aptly named April

Gowks — for a gowk is a cuckoo,

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facetious custom in order to send

friends on 'bootless' errands."

Bootless is defined as 'unprof-

Another source says that

# The story of April Fool's Day

by Shirley D. Schmoock Special Writer

The custom of playing tricks on friends and sending them on silly errands dates back to the early 18th century and maybe before. There is little reference to the celebration in early literature.

In Great Britain, the former celebration of All Fool's Day was --- or was thought to be — an offshoot of the annual feast of the Vernal Equinox. This celebration was held in honor of the 'turning of the seasons' and was meant to praise the glory of the coming of spring. In India, during the Feast of Hali, the chief amusement on the last day of March each year is to assign fruitless and foolish tasks to friends. It is usually the more gullible members of the family, like the children, who enjoy this day the most. In Scotland, one is sent 'hunting

itable, unavailing, and otherwise Another theory traces the custom to Noah, who is said to have sent one of his doves out searching for dry land.

In any case, the French are probably the people who began the whole thing: When that nation changed their New Year from April to January in 1564 - it is said they "no longer had anything but burlesque to celebrate, as April was now destitute of formal activities." Anyone for a 'gowk hunt?' Or, is

that 'a snipe hunt?'

# **Drug Task Force approves** two mini-grant applications

by Caleb Casey Staff Writer

The Crawford AuSable School District Drug Free School Community Task Force met on Tuesday, March 17 to discuss grant

applications. The Task Force accepted proposals for its available grants from area organizations for various activities or programs that would help to promote a drug free environment. The Task Force money, a total of \$10,000 was made available through a district grant from the State Office of Drug Control Policy.

The Community Task Force received a total of five applications for its available mini-grants. At the Tuesday night meeting two of them were approved.

One grant of \$1,000 was awarded to Project Graduation, a program started a few years ago in order to decrease drunk driving on graduation night. The event begins immediately following graduation and lasts until early in the morning.

There are various activities for the graduates to participate in, as well as food and prizes. Grayling

Department was the recipient of the the other grant, a \$958 award, which will be used to purchase "fatal vision goggles." The glasses are designed to simulate the effects of being intoxicated.

The Sheriff's Department will use the goggles in presentations to students in Grayling Middle School and Grayling High School in an attempt to discourage drug and alcohol use.

The Task Force will be meeting again on March 30 to discuss the remaining three applications. After clarification and further discussion of these proposals the Task Force will make a decision regarding approval.

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ACC 302	Intermediate Accounting II	Monday
CIS 101	Computer Information Processing	Monday
MTH 402	Statistics II	Monday
MGT 424	Labor and Employment Law	Monday
ACC 350	Accounting and Information Systems	Tuesday
ECO 301	Microeconomics	Tuesday
MGT 300	Principles of Management	Tuesday
INT 350	Principles of International Business	Tuesday
ACC 235	Accounting Applic/Microcomputer	Wednesday
ACC 236	Payroll Applic/Microcomputer (Begins May 6)	Wednesday
COM 120	Interpersonal Communications	Wednesday
MKT 410	Contemporary Issues in Marketing	Wednesday
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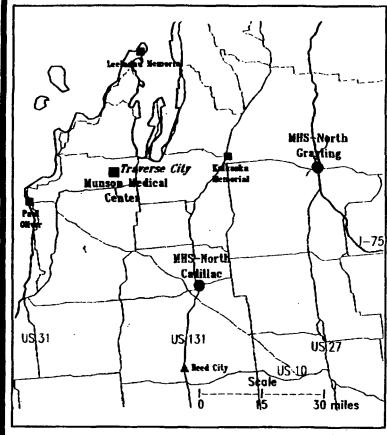
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# Munson Healthcare merges with Mercy Health Services



HEALTH CARE MERGER -- This map shows most of the Bradstreet to run for Lowe's seat service area the merged health care institutions will now cover.

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Concluded from pg. 1-A During the first six months of the agreement, physicians, governing board members, and administrators at Mercy Health Services, Mercy Cadillac, Mercy Grayling and Munson will work to find ways to improve the value of services provided through Mercy and Munson

Working together, with employees and community members, the teams will identify opportunities to better meet the needs of patients.

Anticipated benefits of Mercy and Munson's new partnership include:

· Improving services to patients and their families by improving quality, increasing access to care and enhancing services.

 Linking clinical and financial information systems to enhance

• Better meeting the needs of the poor and under served by creating new or expanded health ministries.

• Further developing the continuum of care through partnerships with providers, employers, physicians and insurers.

• Further improving health care in

rural northern Michigan by investing in new ambulatory health cen-

In addition to the three hospitals, MHS and MHC will create a patient care network in northern Michigan including home care, rehabilitation services, long-term care facilities, and numerous primary and specialty

"Local governing boards will continue to oversee operations," stated Michael Peterson, Mercy North's interim CEO, "but work together to build northern Michigan's leading integrated health system."

"Mercy and Munson offer a complete range of health care services focused on improving community health and meeting community

Munson's Rockwood shares the same vision for the future.

"Munson is committed to expanding its services in northern Michigan to meet community needs," he said. "Local boards, physicians, and staff who work and live in these communities will have a major role in identifying ways in which services can be enhanced.'



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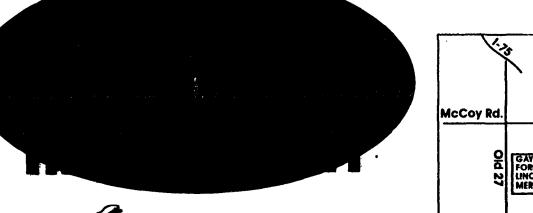
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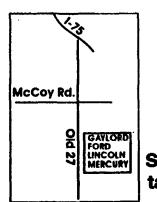
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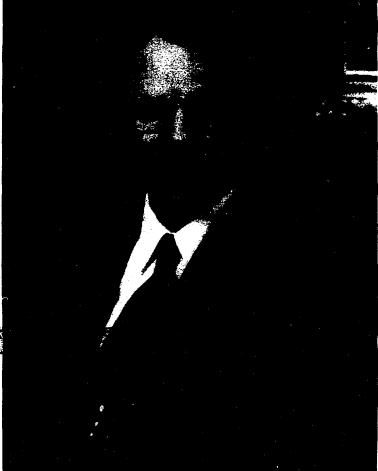


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Area businessman Ken Bradstreet has announced his candidacy as a Republican candidate for the 105th District of the State House of Representatives.

Bradstreet grew up in Maple Forest Township near Frederic, and attended Frederic Public School from 1956 to 1964.

A 21-year Gaylord resident, Bradstreet has been the Vice President of Advertisers Postal Service for the past 12 years.

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Bradstreet is also the Executive Director of the Association of Alternate Postal Systems.

As director, Bradstreet has represented the private delivery industry before the Postal Rate Commission in Washington, and has worked with U.S. Congressional staff personnel to help shape postal legislation and

Locally, Bradstreet has served as a speaker for Right To Life and on the Board of Directors of Northern Christian Radio in Gaylord.

For three years he has coached the varsity basketball and baseball teams for Northern Michigan Christian Academy and coached ten years for the Gaylord Little League.

"Working for Allen Lowe's re-election campaign in 1994, I became interested in the 105th District." recalls Bradstreet. "Allen asked me at that time if I had an interest in serving as a representative, and I told him 'no way'.

"But, as the years have passed since then, and Allen has continued to encourage me a number of times since, I have warmed to the idea."

"I have never thought of myself as a Republican or Democrat. I have voted for both. I am independent, conservative, and I tend to vote for the person, not the party," said Bradstreet. Then added, "I even have a bit of Libertarian in me."

The candidate states that he is "absolutely pro-life", a conservationist, and avid outdoorsman. Bradstreet is also a member of the National Rifle Association.

"My main objective is to carry on the outstanding job that Allen Lowe has been doing over the past six years. Allen is the best we have ever

"If I could work for the people of the 105th District and come anywhere close to Allen's level of service, I would consider myself a success," commented Bradstreet.

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This schedule of information, showing automobile ownership, driving records, or criminal warrants outstanding, is drawn from state and nation-wide computer systems and hits the computer screen in the 911 office instantaneously.

Another important function maintained by the 911 system is that of residential and building locations by road; street or trail address. All buildings in Crawford County were assigned a specific address when the system was first implemented.

A sector map has been drawn of the county, and at the epicenter - or zero baseline — is the intersection of North Down River Road and Thendara Drive. This map contains the addresses on 1,659 roads and on 7.000 blocks

From this center point, all 911 recording and dispatching is done. Nothing is left to chance and no guess work is usually required.

911 operator, Sue Medler said "Each road has a folder, and we know who's at what address." The system is nearly a complete census of the county's population.

When an address or name is fed into the computer, the information returned to the operator will instantly report which fire department, ambulance, police unit or other agency must be notified or dispatched.

The 911 system has identity files on who's living at that particular address. If the resident is wheelchair-bound or bedridden, that important information enables the responding agency to better interpret the needs at that address.

Where is 911?

In an obscure corner of a Crawford County government office, a handful of people (six full time employees and Akers, himself) average 307.6 incidents per hour. The two terminals are attended to 24-hours a day, including holidays.

Besides the traditional '911 calls' additional calls come from the Camp Grayling Provost Marshal, the courts, the prosecutor, and from the law division of the Department of Natural Resources. They are also in contact with the ambulance services and fire departments from Grayling, Beaver Creek, South Branch, Lovells and Frederic, as well as towing services and the U.S. Coast

The utility companies account for a large number of calls, and "when we everywhere, that even these sources have a storm, we get calls wanting to know how long the power will be off or how the roads are," said Akers. He shrugs when discussing these calls, and says the operators are often helpless to answer other than 'I don't know.'

"We get calls about the lack of garbage pickup, which barber shop do we recommend, where are the best buys for property in the area and why is the cable out?" The 911 operators do not consider these 'nuisance calls' but they are a hindrance to the functioning utility of the sys-

It's not even uncommon for the 911 operators to be called by irate customers of the ambulance companies or of other services wondering why the bill is so large or why they got a bill at all. Akers even remembers getting a call regarding "the time zone we're in. We try to be agreeable, but when we're busy...'

The 911 benefits to the criminal justice are not only an emergency measure when a traffic stop or an arrest is made, but they serve as a creator of a 'paper trail'. This paper trail is often used at a later date when the case may come to trial, at which time, of course, the 911-generated information becomes invalu-

The 911 system costs the average citizen of Crawford County pennies a month.

As can be expected, maintaining other proclamation.

this vast network of telephone numbers, addresses and a confounding criss-cross of county roads and trails, does not come cheap. But, when Crawford Emergency Central Department of Natural Resources Forestry Division.

No provision has been put in place to either continue these dollar contributions for equipment, or to contract with the agencies that use the system. It is estimated that by year end, with budget crunches looming of income will disappear or be greatly diminished.

"We have good equipment, don't get me wrong," said Akers, "but after seven years, everything needs to be upgraded." Fortunately, he said, GTE can install the equipment undates and revise the payment schedules to meet available funds.

In Gaylord, a similar funding gap exists: Their telephone levy expires this August.

The phone charge generated by 911 in Otsego County was \$193,000, but their director, Leroy Hall, stated recently that "it's not enough to maintain the system."

The Otsego 911 system is looking at a public service millage, which would be used to fund 911, fire and emergency services. This system has a current staff of 9 operators. But if they broke away from the State Police system, which has its own operators and is running an equal but quite different program, Hall feels that the benefits would be to both sides of the emergency response

The people of Crawford County will have to make some serious decisions soon with regard to the continued operation of the 911 Emergency dispatch system. It is not a state mandate that we have such a system in the county, nor is it's existence guaranteed by fiat, declaration or

Dispatch was put into service six years ago, no operating millage was levied and only a small surcharge was added to the GTE phone bills of everyone in the county.

This transitory action by the Board of Commissioners was woefully inadequate then, and today these meager funds cannot begin to actually cover the costs of 911 in the

The stop-gap funding method, therefore, provided only a small amount of revenue - an estimated \$42,600. Against a total cost to operate the system of over \$280,000 1998, it couldn't come close to offsetting the true cost of maintaining an efficient, state-of-the-art 911

Initially, the cost of purchasing the equipment was been born equally between the City of Grayling, the County, the townships, and the Michigan National Guard. Other contributing agencies are or have been the Michigan State Police, the Road Commission for Crawford County, and the Michigan

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# Crawford County Road Commission outlines 1998 summer work program



**DEALING WITH WINTER WEATHER** — The Crawford County Road Commission had plenty to do following recent heavy snowfalls and ice storms. As the snow melts the Road Commission will trade its winter related activities for the various duties outlined in its summer work program. Driving the snow plow here is Russ Strohpaul. Photo by Shirley D. Schmoock.

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work will depend on how much funding becomes available from outside sources, some of which include the Transit Authority, Grayling Township and the City of Grayling.

The most notable bridge work to be performed will be on Wilcox Bridge. The commission's specialized bridge crew will also perform maintenance as needed and as required by the bridge study that is coordinate with its State Foreman done according to the Michigan Department of Transportation's bridge safety program.

Most of the Road Commission's summer activities fall under the category of "summer maintenance."

over two dozen different routine that might arise. tasks throughout the summer. These maintenance jobs include running the brine trucks to control dust, blading roads and placing blacktop patches on pavement.

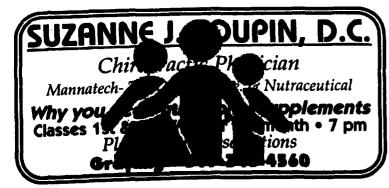
The summer maintenance program is expected to result in the placement of approximately 500 tons of road patching.

The Road Commission will also and Superintendent to complete such tasks as cleaning roadsides and rest areas, grass cutting, sweeping, post replacement, road shoulder blading and fence repair.

The Road Commission will also

Road Commission workers perform respond to any road emergencies





# **OPINIONS**



#### ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

# Big time sports gives wrong answers

THE WACKY world of big time sports provides more than myriad hours of entertainment for fans around the country.

Sports is often called a metaphor for life. It also has been seen as a vehicle for illustrating right and wrong.

Unfortunately, the answers from the sports world too often are wrong when it comes to matters of principle, morality and ethics.

A recent case in point:

During a National Basketball League game, player Latrell Sprewell berated, attacked and put a choke hold on his coach, P.J. Carlesimo.

Appalled, Mr. Sprewell's team, the Golden State Warriors, canceled the remaining three years on his \$32 million contract, and the NBA suspended him for a year.

Under the NBA players' union contract, the matter went to an arbitrator, who ruled the penalties were too stiff, that Mr. Sprewell could return after only five months' suspension, and the Golden State must honor the final two years of the contract, meaning \$17.3 million in

ALONG WITH litigation, another favorite avenue of redress anger control counseling, as the

Sprewell went there, too.

On TV's "60 Minutes" show, viewers got a fascinating but sobering glimpse inside Mr. Sprewell's mind as he put his spin on events.

"I wasn't choking P.J.," Mr. Sprewell said. "I mean, P.J., he could breathe. It's not like he was losing air or anything like that. I mean, it wasn't a choke. I wasn't trying to kill P.J."

"If you're choking someone, you don't get scratches. You get welts totally around your neck," he explained. "It's not like I was going to sit there and kill the man. No, I would have stopped, definitely."

That must be comforting for Mr. Carlesimo to know.

What caused the outburst? Again, Mr. Sprewell's TV discussion is fascinating.

"It was all about the respect factor with me," he said. "It was all about P.J. disrespecting me as a man. You don't talk to people the way that P.J. talked to me. To have my pride and my respect and my manhood means more than any dollar amount."

And that must be comforting to the folks who must fork over another \$17.3 million.

Mr. Sprewell said he doesn't need

today is big time television, and Mr. arbitrator ruled, because the public controversy was enough.

"It's like I've been in counseling watching TV, you know," Mr. Sprewell said. "I've been counseled

THERE SHOULD be no surprises here.

Choking a team official — as long as you don't intend to kill him --- is acceptable behavior. Physical defense against "disrespect" because your coach yells at you is okay, at least all the way up to chok-

Mr. Sprewell talks of pride and respect and manhood -- but his actions, and his defense of his actions, combine to diminish all three... and he doesn't have a clue.

Even sadder is that the public really doesn't care. Sports fans condone almost any action, as long as the players provide athletic talent and thrills for the fans. If Golden Gate doesn't want Mr. Sprewell, it's a sure bet other teams will be waving money at him.

Mr. Sprewell is not alone. A star infielder spits in the face of an umpire — and plays out the crucial game ending the season, with only a slap on the wrist to start the next

A star first baseman, after a forced absence for drug rehabilitation, returns to the line-up and thousands of fans cheer when his name is announced; he basks in glory with not a hint of shame or regret.

Top football players survive drunk driving, repeated drug arrests or convictions, beating up wives or sweethearts - all with impunity, both from fans and from team oper-

What lessons are learned from such public treatment of athletes?

Do anything you want. Be ashamed of nothing. Let your anger and your impulses and your vices run rampant. Blame everybody or everything else.

There are no penalties for the gift-

Until the public cares enough to demand changes in attitude — and this applies especially to sports fans then regard for principle, morality, ethics among top sports performers will continue to disintegrate.

Sports as a metaphor for life? Let us hope not.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

#### MEMORIES OF AN **ANCIENT VIKING**

by Alf Svensen

### Honorable 'Ones'

The room was quiet - you could hear a pin drop. Well, perhaps the term railroad spike would be more accurate - but it was as quiet as one could expect with 30-40 teens in the room. The teacher entered, holding three fingers high - suddenly all attention was riveted to those three

We got a one from the first judge," she said, pointing to the first finger, "and we got a one from the second judge - and we got a one from the third!" she shouted... and pandemonium broke: the shouting and screaming and whistles and crying and stomping of feet...I'm sure you get the picture...because Grayling High School's Chamber Choir had just qualified for State competition with a score of 1!

What a moment for those kids they had worked so hard for so long for this. And now they had to work even harder for the next step up - but what a sweet moment of victory!

There were but a handful of parents and a few interested spectators, hanger-ons from previous performances or waiting for the ones following...22 choirs at the festival competing against a standard of excellence!

And as I understand it - this was their first time ever for Grayling to qualify for State competition! Congratulations Grayling! You done good!

When I grew up in old vikingland, the times were hard...we were at war and you found soldiers of the Third Reich over the whole country. Well, I'm told there were a few mountain areas the Germans never really conquered - they sent in patrols which never came back, so Street choice areas alone: 37302 nevdihenhighnschoolel attended; the

Ullern Gymnasium - that's what they call high schools in Norway, a gymnasium, and our's was named after the ancient god of skiing: Ullr. It was a forbidden place...dark and 'anticeptic' with a dominating dark green color everywhere.

We had a Nazi head-master though 'head hunter' probably would've been a better description and no extracurricular activities could take place without allowing participation by members of NS, the party of traitors and collaborators and the only political party permit-

Needless to say, we had nothing like choirs or even sports - although there were 'pick-up' soccer games and ski races. We did have singing/music classes - one 55minute period per week, but all we did was sing old 'patriotic' songs and national anthems and 'God save the King.'

When I came to this country to study. I had no idea what extracurricular activities meant other than doing studies outside one's chosen

There is a true wealth of advantages our (US) school systems offer as compared with the 'base of opportunity' I hail from. In this country, we have debating teams and biking teams, glee clubs and ski clubs and a whole raft of other activities - both in sports and scientific endeavors, and youngsters come away from those experiences much the better than those who do not.

I praise those young ladies and young men who put their hearts into being the best in song...To them I say again - Congratulations, you Vikings, you done good!

Ferhaps someday you will be an Ancient Viking, as well! RELIA

# LDITOR

#### Grayling Township park plans need | Motorists to receive money a close look before a financial leap

To the editor.

Although not wanting to appear a critic of the recent decision to build a new Grayling township park, I can't help but feel this could be another white elephant without the input of the taxpayers.

A few questions that come to mind in regards to this proposed township are as follows:

Since the property lies on both side of the East Branch of the AuSable, where would the entrance Or would there be two entrances? Who pays for the building of this road or these roads?

Would there be paved and signed entrances, with parking lots, etc.? Who pays for the paving, signing, plowing and maintenance? Will a bridge be built to join the proper-

Will telephone, electric, water and sewer be available on this property? Certainly some sort of street lighting or security lighting will be necessary. Are the utility services even available at this location? Who will be paying the engineering and architectural fees?

What are the projected costs for playground equipment, picnic tables, barbecue pits, etc.? What about bathrooms, garbage cans and refuse pick-up? Will there be fencing or gates? What about insurance and liability?

Will the township taxpayers be paying for a gatekeeper and security people? Can other township persons use the park?

Who will maintain the ground,

repair and paint the equipment, plow the snow, etc.? Will these people be insured with hospitalization, retirement benefits, etc.?

Will the lighted softball field, tennis court and amphitheater be rented to users or provided free courtesy of the taxpayers?

Realizing this letter is going to be taken as a negative vote for the park, "taint necessarily so." It seems that prior to any board or commission undertaking, this large amount of expenditures or commitment of taxpavers monies and resources, the desires, wants and needs of the voters should first be obtained: you know, like a "feasibility study," one that tells how many parks are already in the county and how many township people use them.

In order for the taxpayer to form an intelligent "Yes" or "No" opinion, the first relevant question would be, at what costs? I understand the township has a surplus and monies. but I also know today's Avalanche is full of properties listed in the tax sale — so all isn't wine and roses for everyone.

I can remember a few years back when our county actually had a surplus of money. Then a few big spenders who, without the vote or approval of the taxpayers, though we needed a new jail. A few of us questioned that expenditure but they built it anyway and now our county is bankrupt. Nuff said??????

> Don Welser Grayling

# back; state legislation passes

To the editor,

Congratulations, car owners of Michigan!

As a result of a battle initiated by the Democrats in the State House of Representatives, you will receive a refund of approximately \$180 per vehicle that you insure in Michigan.

This refund, which will total \$1.2 billion once everyone who is eligible is paid, will come from a \$2.5 billion surplus in the Michigan Catastrophic Claims Association (MCCA) fund. When we buy auto insurance in Michigan, we automaticaly pay a fee that goes into this fund, which is then used to pay accident claims in excess of \$250,000.

Back in January, House Democrats realized the MCCA surplus had ballooned to a level which was considerably more than fiscally necessary. At that time, we announced our intention to pursue a refund to the people who paid the money into the fund in the first place: the motorists of this state.

An interesting scenario then unfolded: Republicans labeled our move as election year politics; the

public momentum grew rapidly for refund; Republicans backpedaled and offered refund proposals of their own, and the House vote to give the money back was nearly unanimous.

Within a day of the House vote, the MCCA Board of Directors voted to return the money voluntarily, which eliminates the need for legis-

As labeled by one newpaper olumnist, the Republicans' turnabout was "one of the most grandiose flip-flops in modern history." Our motivation in pursuing the refund was not generating publicity in an election year. Our motivation was that the car owners of the state, who have been paying what can actually be called a tax, into the MCCA for 20 years, deserved to have a share in the surplus they helped create.

Returning the money is good policy, and good policy is good politics, even in an election year.

> Curtis Hertel, Speaker of the House 2nd District

#### some tough choices with the budget cuts that they are facing, but the voter's safety should not be compromised. Mandated by law or not. Before one deputy or 911 dis-

EDITOR

Taxpayers deserve a say in budget;

new commerce should be fostered

patcher is laid off, the Commissioners need to look at their own office. Maybe giving up some of their own benefits. Didn't the Commissioners give

themselves a raise not to long ago? Now they have hired a confidential secretary. I know I can live without Commissioners or a confidential secretary, but can we live without 911 dispatchers to answer our emergency calls or deputies to answer calls for help.

Are we really going to balance the county's budget by laying off deputies, 911 dispatchers, or correction officers? Won't this just cost more? After all, the remaining officers will be putting in overtime.

Not long ago, a new businessman

came to our county wanting to build Our Commissioners have to make a mutlimillion dollar racetrack. Our wouldn't even talk to the man until the taxpayers spoke up.

> The race track might have changed the tax base of the county. Instead our Commissioners think the taxpayers will vote for a millage to help balance the budget.

> The schools want a millage to expand the high school for the proiected 300 students. These students have parents. Wouldn't it be nice if their parents could work in our county?

> If our Commissioners would promote Crawford County and work with general industry when they are looking to relocate to our county, maybe we wouldn't be cutting our budget, eliminating skilled professionals, or asking taxpayers to pay out more.

> > Edward E. Goscicki Frederic

#### County asked to take care of red ink without new operating millage

To the editor,

In response to the front page piece "County stems river of red ink", Jospeh Wakeley states, "We've been delivering a lot of services to Crawford County without raising taxes."

I don't know about Joe, but in the eight years I've resided in Crawford County, the assessment of taxable valuation on my home has increased

If the County can cut 640-K with "trimming and cooperation," imagine what could be accomplished by applying some free enterprise rules. Please, no more operating millage.

Arthur L. Kenney, Roscommon

#### Why weren't Crawford County files kept safe with daily 'back-up'?

In last week's Avalanche there was a story of a couple of hundred records and a bunch of missing files, in the computer system at the Crawford County Building.

I was just wondering about the person that suppose to be the Information Systems's Manager? Where'd he get his training in computer in computer systems? If it had been in a full fledged institution of higher learning he should have been taught the "Back-up, back-up, backup rule."

That is back-up everything,

everyday. In this scenario, if there is a problem, such as the one at the courthouse, the only thing that is lost is, possibly, one day's worth of work. (re-entering the current information back into the system.) NOT YEARS AND YEARS worth of work and valuable information.

That's it. That's all. My tirade is

Herluf Moshier, Connie Beard Grayling

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# BRIEFS

#### Lions Club to offer free health tests

The Grayling Lions Club is offering free to the public hearing, eye and diabetes testing at the Holiday Inn of Grayling on March 28 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. The Mobile Ear Lab from Munson Medical Center will be on site and the other testing will take place near the pool area of the inn.

#### Lions Lucky 13 winner announced

Lions Lucky 13 drawing winner number 11 is Paul and Colleen Schroeder of Grayling. They won \$100.

#### **Luncheon at Michelson Memorial**

Soup and sandwich luncheon at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, 400 Michigan Ave., Grayling will be held on April 2 from 11:30 a.m. till 1 p.m. Soup, make a sandwich, salad and desert; all you can eat for only \$4.50.

#### Musical Bye Bye Birdie opens Mar. 26

The Grayling High School Players will present the musical comedy Bye Bye Birdie by Lee Adams and Charles Strouse at the Joseph Stripe Auditorium opening March 26 and running until March 28, with nightly performances at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the door or at the school from Mrs. Binert. Prices are \$5 for adults and \$4 for senior citizens and stu-

#### Promise Keepers to met the 28th

The Promise Keepers monthly meeting will be held March 28 at the Grayling Assembly of God, 701 South I-75 Business Loop, Grayling. (north of Town, across from the airport.) Breakfast will be served at 8 a.m. All men are welcome.

#### Retired federal employee group to meet

The local chapter of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) Chapter 2305 will meet Thursday, April 2 at the Iron Gate Restaurant in Grayling. Lunch will be at 11:30 a.m. and business meeting at 12:15 p.m. Contact Roberta Martinez for membership information at (517) 348-5326.

#### WMU Gold Band to perform in Grayling

The Western Michigan University Vocal and Instrumental Gold Company will perform at the Grayling Holiday Inn's Evergreen Room on Thursday, March 26. Dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. and the concert starts at 8 p.m. Dinner includes stuffed porkchop or whitefish, potato, vegetable, salad, non-alcoholic beverage and dessert, baked Alaska. Tickets are \$22.50 and can be purchased through the Cultural Events Hotline at 348-7641 or 348-5892 ext. 609.

# Michigan uses technology to help workers find jobs

The Michigan Jobs Commission's America's Talent Bank, which Employment Service Agency has developed a new electronic labor exchange service for its customers called Michigan's Talent Bank an proxive there as

MTB uses 21st century technology to match employer job openings with job seeker resumes.

The talent bank works by accepting resumes of job seekers, via the Internet, and allowing employers to conduct on-line searches for potential job candidates.

Michigan led the country in developing through the help of a federal grant.

Some additional features in MTB include job seeker and employer options to match on a sub-state level (county searches) and direct access to a wide variety of other community services through links to individual Michigan Works! agency web-

The website is available at no MTB is an expanded version of charge at http://michworks.org.

#### State adopts new drug testing policy

Commission adopted a new drug designated positions are ones: testing policy covering all applicants about to be hired in the classifield service, as well as the approximately 16,500 current non-union employees, at its March 12, 1998, meeting.

In a statement about the new policy, Susan Grimes Munsell, Civil Service Commission chairperson, said, "The Civil Service Commission is concerned with the well-being of classified employees, the safety of Michigan citizens, the fitness of candidates entering the classified service, the need to enhance employee productivity, and the need to ensure that state agencies can effectively accomplish their missions."

Under the new policy, all initial appointments to the Michigan classified service are conditional upon the prospective employee passing a pre-employment drug test.

In addition, all non-exclusively represented employees (NEREs) are subject to drug and alcohol testing if there is a reasonable suspicion that abuse has occurred, including testing after on-the-job accidents.

The policy also mandates random testing of employees who are in testdesignated positions and compulsory testing before employees can move

The Michigan Civil Service into these types of positions. Test-

1) That require operating a commercial motor vehicle, an emergency vehicle, or dangerous equipment or machinery;

2) In which the employee has law enforcement powers or carries a firearm while on duty;

3) In which the employee regularly provides direct health care services to persons in the care or custody of the

4) In which the employee has regular unsupervised access to and direct contact with prisoners, probationers, or paroles;

5) In which the employee has unsupervised access to controlled substances; or

6) In which the employee is responsible for handling or using hazardous or explosive materials.

In balancing the interests of the State as an employer, the interests of the classified employees, and the welfare, safety, and security of the public, the Civil Service Commission concludes that it is in the best interest of the State to institute strong measures to build a classified service and work place that are free from alcohol and the illegal use of drugs.

#### Series of state grants will fund Michigan's specialized job training

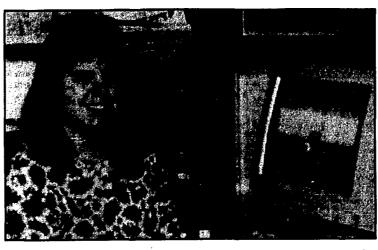
Governor John Engler recently announced that approximately 70,000 people statewide will receive specialized job training through a series of grants.

The grants are funded through the Economic Development Job Training (EDJT) program and will provide training to employees at 431 companies located throughout the

The training will be conducted by public or private universities, community colleges, public school districts, intermediate school districts or other training providers.

Since 1993, Michigan has provided training to 192,801 employees

#### Beard named new production manager for The Avalanche



NEW PRODUCTION MANAGER -- Connie Beard was recently promoted to the position of Production Manager for Photo by Cheryll Ruley The Crawford County Avalanche.

by Cheryll A. Ruley Staff Writer

Connie Beard was recently promoted to the position of Production Manager for The Crawford County Avalanche

As Production Manager, Connie must see to it that ad work flows the Composition through Department in a timely fashion.

On busy production days, Connie assists the editorial staff with lay-out and design work. Her eye for detail helps the advertising sales representatives keep their customers satisfied and she makes certain that ads are published in a timely fashion.

"I love being creative and learning new techniques and this job allows me to do it," said Connie.

"The technology has come a long way since I started working here," she remarked. "We've gone from

the smaller classic MacIntosh computers to state-of-the-art equipment, including scanners and inovative software," she remarked.

Connie has worked in production for The Avalanche for a year and a half designing advertisements and special insert publications.

For the past seven years she has worked periodically in the graphic arts field for such compaines as the Gaylord Herald Times, The Yellow Pages and West Michigan Printing.

Connie is a graduate of Atlanta High School, Atlanta, MI and earned a Graphic Arts Certificate at Alpena Community College.

Cooking, crafts and scrapbooking are some of Connie's personal interests and another way to express her creativity. She also enjoys camping with her husband, Gordon and 20month old daughter, Meghan.

# Engler wants technology in all Michigan classrooms

Governor John Engler recently sent his technology and education plan to state legislators, via the Internet, outlining his efforts to increase the role of technology in the classroom.

The Governor's proposal is a follow-up to his earlier five-point plan to create and sustain the high-tech, high demand, high-paying jobs of Engler's seven step proposal

includes:

\* Establishing 200 Public Virtual Learning Campuses by the year 2000;

\* Providing at least "Nextday" Innovation Grants a year directly to Michigan's most creative

\* Encouraging the business community to provide grants to support development of K-12 Virtual Technology-based classes; and

\* Creating the Michigan Virtual University.

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\* Establishing Technology Training programs for teachers, administrators, school board members and parents:

\* Expanding a Universal Fund Information Clearinghouse to include grant-writing assistance and information about all technology funding sources;

Developing an advanced placement Virtual Learning Academy;

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• SUPPORT GROUP MEETING for Fibromyalgia & Chronic Fatigue Immune Disfuction Syndrome **THURS** Patients & families @ Mercy Hospital cafeteria, 7 pm. Call Laura @ 348-7423 for more information.

•SOUL SURVIVORS meeting @ Mercy Hospital Gallery, 6:30 pm 26 •SAT REGISTRATION for May 2 test

•WMU GOLD CO. CONCERT Holiday Inn, 7:30 •HS MUSICAL 7:30 pm, Auditorium

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•HS MUSICAL 7:30 Auditorium ATTEND A FISH FRY of your choice today.

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30 GPA MEETING @ Iron Gate Restaurant, 12 noon.

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ROTARY MEETING @ Patti's Towne House, 12 noon. WED •WEIGHT WATCHER'S meeting @ St. Francis Episcopal Church, M-72 West; weigh-in 4:45 pm; meeting, 5:30 pm. For more information call Mary, 348-5306.

LIONS CLUB meeting @ Breaker's Steak House, 6:30 pm. • AUSABLE QUILT GUILD meeting @ Knights of Columbus, 10 am 



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#### **Gentleness**

implies high standards and virtues. Webster's Twentieth Century Unabridged Dictionary refers to a gentleman as: 1. A man of good breeding, kindness, courtesy. and honor; a man having worthy ideals and refinement of though and action. A gentlewoman is referred to as: 1. A woman of good family or of good breeding; a woman above the vulgar; a lady. Apart from public politeness, some people treat gentleness with disrespect and contempt by ridiculing such civility, good manners, and morals as phony or unnatural.

The great apostle Paul reminded us that gentleness is an attribute of our Lord Jesus and forbid them not: for of such is the myself beseech you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ, who in presence am base among you, but being absent am bold toward you:" David, Israel's great warrior king, gave God's gentleness as the key to his own greatness in military victory. (Psalms 18:35) "Thou hast also given me thy shield of thy salvation: and thy right hand hath holden me up, and the gentleness hath made me great." Gentleness is another mark of the Spirit-filled Christian: (Galatians 5:22-23) "But the fruit of the led an Ethiopian eunuch to salvation in its content.

To call someone a gentle man or woman Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, Acts 8:32: "The place of the scripture gentleness, goodness, faith, {23} Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

> takes more strength for one to treat such would to return their harsh, rude, or mean children equal access into His presence. was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, seen as He stopped on many occasions to he baptized him." heal the blind, the lame and the sick. His gentleness is seen even as He was arrested, scourged, mocked, and crucified on a cruel cross for sin He never committed.

Christ's gentleness was foretold in Isaiah 53:7: "He was oppressed and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth: He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter. and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth." This scripture

which he read was this, He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not Gentleness is often mistaken for his mouth:" (Acts 8:35-38) "Then Philip weakness and softness. Therefore, it often opened his mouth and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus. people gently, tactfully and kindly, than it {36} And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch attitude. Christ's gentleness is seen as He said, see here is water; what doth hinder insisted that His disciples allow little me to be baptized? {37} And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou (Mark 10:14) "But when Jesus saw it, he mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. {38} And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into Christ. (2 Corinthians 10:1) "Now I Paul kingdom of God." Christ's gentleness was the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and

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### Michelson Church welcomes back parishioners

more than the second of the

by Shirley D. Schmoock Special Writer

For months, the faithful of Grayling's Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church have been meeting at the city's elementary school for services. It's church

Correction

In an article concerning the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Carpenter which appeared in the March 19 edition of The Avalanche an error was made. The Carpenters did not get a doctor's signed waiver but did attend the AIDS class and waited the customary three-day period. The wedding had to be delayed when Mr. Carpenter was taken back to Mercy Hospital due to congestive heart failure. When he was able, the marriage was performed.

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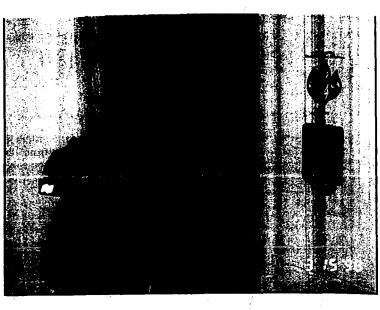
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building was undergoing extensive the church's parishioners. renovation.

The recent \$870,000 expansion to the church was made to give the congregation handicapped access to the aging building. The several steps leading up to the front door made entry impossible for many of

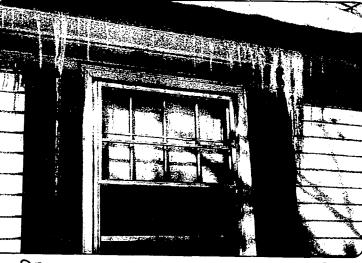
At the opening service on March 15, 260 people came to the 10 am service. The setting of a new corner stone and formal dedication are weeks away, but for now...

Onlookers could tell everyone was glad to be back.



ENJOYING THE RIDE -- Tom Stevenson, an eighth grade student at Grayling Middle School, takes advantage of the newly installed elevator at the church, making the building accessible to everyone. Photo by Shirley D. Schmoock

# Church Directory



# 🥸 Preparations 🍇

What do you see when you look at this scene? The snow has stopped. The sun is shining, icicles form from the roof. "Not much going on," you might say. Actually, quite a bit is happening here. God's plan is being carried out before us. The melted snow gives drink to a now invisible springtime. As tiny bulbs containing the blueprint of brilliant tulips and sunny daffodits seem to sleep beneath the frozen earth, they are actually making preparations for a springtime debut. The nearly invisible buds on black frozen limbs prepare for the birth of tiny tender foliage soon to fan us on summer days.

Neither do we see God. Yet, our Heavenly Father prepares for our present and our future each second of the day and night. In Psalm 23:3 we are assured, "He preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies..." God cares for us in all circumstances. He never sleeps.

Prepare to worship this week. He is prepared for you.

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# 1998 board members for Crawford County Animal Shelter selected

by Shirley D. Schmoock Special Writer

With mountains of uncertainty to climb in the future, the new board for the Animal Shelter of Crawford County, took up the challenge

At their monthly meeting on March 11, the following members of the Concerned Citizens for Animals were chosen to serve on the board for 1998:

Pam Schnaidt (President), Patty

Redinger (Secretary/Treasurer) Ward Parker, Dr. Paul Mesack, Nancy Lemmen. Joe Porter, and Cindy Strong. Volunteer director remains Dixie Lobsinger.

But let's all face it - the present animal shelter is little more than a hovel, and the battle to build a new one is straight uphill. The current shelter is small, it's cramped, and if its few volunteers didn't keep it up with sheer willpower - it would

What's more, it will close for good if community apathy doesn't turn into something positive very soon. The lease on the property will expire, and there will be no place to 'dump' the unwanted animals in this county. That may be a distasteful possibility, but it's a very real one.

There are great numbers of people in Crawford County who use the shelter to dispose of litters of puppies and kittens brought into this world through their own thought-

lessness. When the shelter is no longer there — where will these people put these litters of little animals?

Dogs run lose and the City Police and the Sheriff's Department are called. Often they are called repeatedly, until an officer is eventually dispatched to collar the dog and haul it in. When the shelter is gone, where will the animals be taken? Other counties do not want our stray animal populations.

When a family is forced to flee a bad home situation or an elderly person is hospitalized and their family pets must go somewhere where do these people now put their animals until better times? No longer at the Crawford County Animal Shelter, because it won't be

Fund raising projects for 1998 are being discussed as is the status of obtaining land for a new shelter. Unfortunately, the proposed site a 13-acre parcel on North Down River Road —is currently under a cloud of litigation. And, until the way becomes clear — the board has the choice of waiting it out or forging ahead to seek new options and possibly a new location.

director Volunteer Lobsinger believes that, once the right piece of land is found, the \$250,000 estimated to build a new building will come. Maybe she's right --- maybe she's not.

ly up to the people of this county. But don't look to squeezing anything out of the county budget because it's already got the shorts.

clear focus is simply this: Do the people of Crawford County and the City of Grayling want to maintain a home for unwanted animals?

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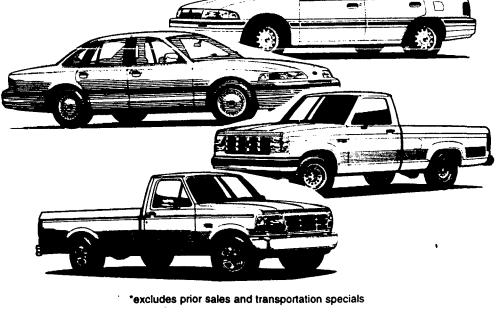
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# High School Science, Math and Art Fair results

by Cheryll A. Ruley Staff Writer

Grayling High School held its Science, Math and Art Fair on March 21 in the high school gym, and, by all accounts, was a huge success.

School principal Judy Gorski was all smiles on Saturday when looking over the more than 160 exhibits designed by students enrolled in various Math. Science and Art classes.

"We've had a 300 percent increase in entries over last year's fair," Gorski said. "I give a lot of credit to the teachers involved for getting so many kids interested."

Five judges spent three hours the night before studying and judging the many entries and making the

tough decisions necessary to award the blue, red or white ribbons.

The judges were Math/Physics teacher Michael Dean, Math/Chemistry teachers Lacey Stephan and Mark Bartkowski, Biology/Math teacher Kathleen Iler, and Applied Science/Biology teacher Charles Schepke.

Because there were so many entries in the Math category, 64 in all, the judges found it necessary to split the category into two groups --Algebra and Pre-Calculus/Calculus.

There were 56 Science category entries. Those, too, were separated into two distinct categories --General Science Biology/Chemistry/Physics.

The following are the winners in each category:

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1st - (M11) How Do You Use Math in Computer Animation? by Nick Nickert and Bill Gosling. (Algebra) 1st - (M59) What is the Pythagorean Theorem? by Angie Fisher. (Algebra)

2nd - (M26) Financing Post-High School Education by Brandi McClain and Allison Schoen.

(Algebra) 2nd - (M64) Angle Sums in Polygons by Ryan Mahaffy and Brandon Cox. (Algebra)

3rd - (M53) Pascal's Triangle by

Scott Bowers and Jon McIntyre. (Algebra) 3rd - (M56) Decoding Using

Matrices by Jeremy Jones and Jon Haskel. (Algebra)

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1st - (MS37) Natural Selection and Allelic Frequency by Brad Wilson. (Bio/Chem/Phys)

1st - (S26) What Makes a Better Battery? by Brian McCurdy and Casey Helsel. (General Science)

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2nd - (S38) What Kinds of Fertilizers Work Best for Marigolds? by Brie Blaauw.

(Bio/Chem/Phys) 2nd - (S48) Growth of Crystals by Mel Paxton and Andrea Elmy.

(General Science) 3rd - (S35) Greenhouse Effect by Jessika Abfalter and Nathan Ross.

(Bio/Chem/Phys) 3rd - (S42) Mineral Properties by Angie Millikin and Heather Hatfield. (General Science)

Art entries were not judged but were representative of a variety of mediums and styles. There were sketches, oil paintings, pen and ink drawings, pottery and sculptures showing the many talents of the stu-

#### **Sheriff's Report**

Crawford County Sheriff's Office reported one criminal sexual conduct; one assault; one burglary; three property damage; one controlled substance; one family/child.

Four public peace; one OUIL/ OUID; three citations; nine health and safety; one invasion of privacy; one conserv; three miscellaneous crimes; one minor: 10 accidents.

Three non-traffic accidents; two snowmobile; three false alarms; one fire; one hazardous condition; one inspection of property; two civil/family trouble; eight suspicious situations; two P. suicide; 17 general noncriminal.

The Crawford County Sheriff's Office had a total of 81 incidents reported for the week of March 16 to March 23, 1998.



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#### by Shirley D. Schmoock **Special Writer**

Retired quality control engineer, Dennis Ludwig now of Grayling, has signed with the Crawford County Library to sort and weed out old state documents, booklets, brochures and general information.

Going through boxes of old literature "and getting some kind of system going here," is Ludwig's main objective.

As a former technical data writer for General Dynamics in Warren.

Ludwig was selected by the Federal Government's Green Thumb Program to discard, catalogue or otherwise organize the mountains of documents sent to libraries regular-

"Most of it is outdated and obsolete," he said, pointing to the boxes loaded for removal. When he's finished, the new system will allow easy access to the multitude of facts and data regarding Michigan, our Michigan.

# **Poet Betsy Scholl to make** an appearance at Kirtland

be appearing at Kirtland Community College on Wednesday, April 1. Scholl will give a reading at 7:30 p.m. in the Continuing Education Center on College Drive.

The reading, which is part of the Controlled Burn Reading Series, is sponsored by Kirtland's Instructional Division and the college's English Department.

Just prior to the poetry reading Scholl will be participating in a question and answer session in Room 5 of Kirtland's Academic Building.

Betsy Scholl has written several books of poetry including Rooms Overhead and Appalachian Winter. Her two most recent books have each won major literary awards:

Writing Programs Poetry Prize in 1991. Scholl's Don't Explain received the Felix Pollack Prize from the University of Wisconsin Press in 1997.

Scholl, a resident of Maine, has

New England poet Betsy Scholl will won numerous awards in addition to those given to her two latest books. Her work has appeared in magazines and literary journals in addition to her poetry compilations.

> Betsy currently teaches at the University of Southern Maine.

"We're lucky to have somebody of her ability at the series. I think it's been the most diverse semester for our audience, and I think that they should be excited to have somebody like Betsy be a part of it. Her work is excellently crafted and passionate. Also, I think her work will excite the imagination and ear of the audience. I've admired her work for a long time," said series coordinator Gerry LaFernina of Scholl.

Copies of Scholl's books will be available for purchase following the The Red Line won the Associated reading. Scholl will be present for book signing and conversation.

For more information regarding the poetry reading or the Controlled Burn Reading Series contact LaFernina at 517-275-5121 ext. 376.



THE ORGANIZER -- Dennis Ludwig of Grayling organizes the many current and obsolete Michigan and federal documents for the Crawford County Library. Photo by Shirley Schmoock



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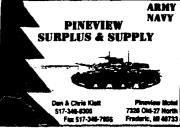
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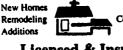
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# March story hour is a big hit with pre-school crowd

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story hour could continue, it was

by Shirley D. Schmoock Special Writer

Crawford County Librarian Traci Compton has no trouble keeping the attention of a dozen or so wide-eyed pre-schoolers.

Mrs. Compton patiently explains the importance of the month of March, and the rapt attention they're paying to her every word probably has something to do with the Leprechaun stories she's promised

Story hour is a weekly event at the library, and though it's usually called on account of the weather, it wasn't called last week. It was, after all, St. Patrick's Day and the "snakes had to be driven out of the whole library!"

The children banged and rattled



MARCH STORY HOUR — Crawford County Librarian Tracie Compton discusses March happenings with pre-schoolers during weekly story hour. (left to right) Compton, Bill Buckles, Bob Buckles, Arthur Kerle, Mathew Kerle. Photo by Shirley D. Schmoock.

# FREDERIC LIBRARY NEWS

The Bradford Lake Association memorial plaque. donated to the Ursula Piper memorial. A book has been ordered in her memory and her name has been placed on our memorial plaque.

donated to the Eva Parker memorial. A book has been ordered in memory of Eva. and her name has been placed on our memorial plaque.

Rex and Marilyn Alma, Rose Duley-Gleason, and Kelly Verlinde donated to the Bobbi Jo Hinkle memorial. A book has been ordered in her memory,

The following people donated to the Norma Madill memorial: Maryda & Carlyl Mead, Wayne & Kathi Black, plaque. Jean T. Potter, Paul & Pauline Henion, The Bradford Lake Association Frances I. Hebel, Kathleen E. Anderson, Muriel Leng, The Frederic Hobby Club, Dr. P.A. Juntilla, Loreli M. Haddad, Leo & Helma Post, and Howard & Thelma Madsen. Several books have been ordered in memory of Norma and her name has been placed on our memorial plaque.

The Frederic Hobby Club and Ken and her name will be placed on our & Merna Newberry donated to the plaque.

RoseMary (Alma) Bradstreet memorial. A book has been ordered in memory of RoseMary, and her name has been placed on our memorial

Smart man, St. Patrick. Smart

librarian, Mrs. Compton.

The Frederic Hobby Club and Ken & Merna Newberry donated to the Grace Germain memorial. A book has been ordered in her memory and her name has been placed on our memorial

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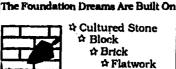
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#### Eleanor L. Holtcamp

Eleanor L. Holtcamp, 81, of Grayling, passed away March 23, 1998 at Mercy Hospital, Grayling.

She was born in Toledo, Ohio to Jerome and Gladys (Folk) Weber on Peder and Cecelia (Cuculich) Jan. 4, 1917.

Mrs. Holtcamp resided in Grayling She was formerly employed at the Bear Archery Company and also at the Mary's Catholic Church, Grayling. Black and White Grocery Store. Grayling.

She is survived by her sons: Edward and Barbara Holtcamp of Grayling, and Ronald and Rita Holtcamp of Traverse City; daughters: Jean and William Weaver of Grayling, and Charleen "Cookie" and Larry by her first husband, Al Febey; her Ostrowski of Grayling; sisters: Agnes Updegraff of Toledo, Ohio, and Grace parents, Peder and Cecelia Blazovich. and Jack Heninger of Toledo, Ohio; 15 grandchildren, and 20 greatgrandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two grandchildren: Rodney James officiating. Burial will take place in Holtcamp, and Kimberly Steele; and the spring in Elmwood Cemetery, by her parents, Jerome and Gladys Grayling. (Folk) Weber.

Memorial service will be held Card Of Thanks Saturday, March 28, 1998 at 11 a.m. at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church with Rev. J. Douglas Paterson officiating.

#### Ralph E. Sager

Ralph E. Sager, 68, of Arcadia, Fla., passed away, Wednesday, March 18, 1998 at Arcadia, Fla.

Mr. Sager was born in Saginaw, Mich. Mr. Sager had resided in Arcadia since October of 1997 formerly of Clio, Mich. Mr. Sager had been a salesman for an industrial supply company prior to his retirement. He was a member of Salina Masonic Lodge #155 F&AM., Work Rite, Scotish Rite, Shrine, Royal Order of Jesters and Red Cross of Constantine all of Saginaw, Mich., a member of Recreation Fishing Club of Grayling, Mich. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1949 to 1954.

Survivors include his parents, Abner C. and Evelyn F. Sager of Arcadia, Fla.; sister, Shirley Ann Kraatz of Saginaw, Mich.; and two nieces.

No Funeral services will be cheduled.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to: Cleveland United Methodist Church Building Fund, 28038 Cleveland Ave., Cleveland, Fla. 33982 or Hospice of S.W. Florida, 3028 Caring Way, Suite #2, Port Charlotte, Fla. 33952.

#### Card Of Thanks

We would like to extend our deepest appreciation to all for the sympathetic cards, beautiful flowers, comforting words, delicious food, and the many thoughts and prayers during the recent loss of our loved one. A special thanks is extended to Sister Rosemary, Dr. Korneli, Dr. Faghihnia, CCU staff and our coworkers, neighbors and

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#### Mary C. Febey Dahm

Mary C. Febey Dahm, 92, of Grayling, passed away March 19, 1998 at The Meadows of Grayling.

She was born in Chicago, Ill., to Blazovich on Nov. 21, 1905.

Mrs. Dahm moved to Grayling 15 for 51 years, coming here from Toledo. years ago from Chicago. She was a homemaker and a member of St.

She is survived by son, Richard and Barbara Febey of Grayling; grandchildren: Karen Sue Febey of Oak Park, Ill., Timothy William Febey of London, England, and Amanda Jane Febey of Grayling.

Mrs. Dahm was preceded in death second husband, Larry Dahm; her

Mass of Christian burial was held Monday, March 23, 1998 at 11 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Grayling, with Rev. Robert W. Nalley

The family of Esther Hall would like to thank everyone for the cards, flowers, gifts and visits.

To all the caring nurses at Mercy Hospital, to Dr. Rosi and his staff. Derek McEvers and Dave.

To preachers Shane Brown and Peter Mousseau, and all the ladies of the church, for the special lunch. God Bless all!

Shirley, Bonnie & Tootie

#### Jeannette T. Sell

Jeannette T. Sell. 76, of Monroe, Mich. passed away at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 17, 1998 in Mercy Memorial Hospital's emergency room. She had been in poor health for two years.

She was born in Riverview to Frederick and Mable (Rushlow) LaFee on Feb. 28, 1922.

She married Lawrence R. Sell on Nov. 9, 1940 in Taylor. Mrs. Sell was a resident of Grayling from 1976 to 1993. She was employed at various doctor offices as a medical assistant for 20 years before retiring in 1980. She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church.

She is survived by her husband, Lawrence; a son, Frederick L. of Boynton Beach, Fla.; a daughter, Mrs. Tom (Marcia L.) Rakestraw of Ottawa Lake; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Sell was preceded in death by two brothers and four sisters.

Services were at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 21, 1998 in the Rupp Funeral Home with Rev. Stanley AuBuchon, pastor of Trinity Lutheran. Church, Monroe, officiating. Burial was at Trinity Lutheran Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Trinity Lutheran Church funeral luncheon fund.

#### William Kent Norris

William Kent Norris of Grayling passed away March 24, 1998 in

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m., Saturday, March 28, 1998 at Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers

#### Carol Sieloff

Carol Sieloff, 55, of Grayling, passed away March 23, 1998 at The

Mrs. Sieloff had been coming to health care industry.

grandchildren.

Mrs. Sieloff was preceded in death by her father. Steven Skarina: brother. Robert Skarina; mother-in-law, Agnes Sieloff; and father-in-law, Jack Sieloff.

No services have been scheduled.



The family of the late Hazel H. Halstead acknowledges with deep appreciation every one's kind expression of sympathy throughout the recent loss of our mother and Grandmother.

Claude and Kelly Halstead, Mailea-Brylize, Shawn and Joanne Kraycs, Shane and Shae-lin, Fanolua and Michelle Tagovailoa, Jocelyn.

Meadows of Grayling.

She was born in Wyandotte to Steven and Stella Skarina on June 18,

Crawford County since 1964 and moved here 14 years ago from Wyandotte. She was formerly employed as a clerical worker in the

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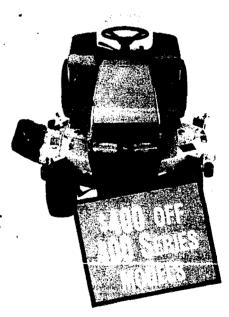


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# Osteoporosis may be prevented

of the most debilitating and costly diseases which strikes the elderly, may be prevented according to Dr. Arthur Weaver, spokesperson for the American College of Rheumatology.

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(NU)-Osteoporosis, one After that, bones begin to lose density. Some people lose calcium at a higher rate, and their bones become brittle.

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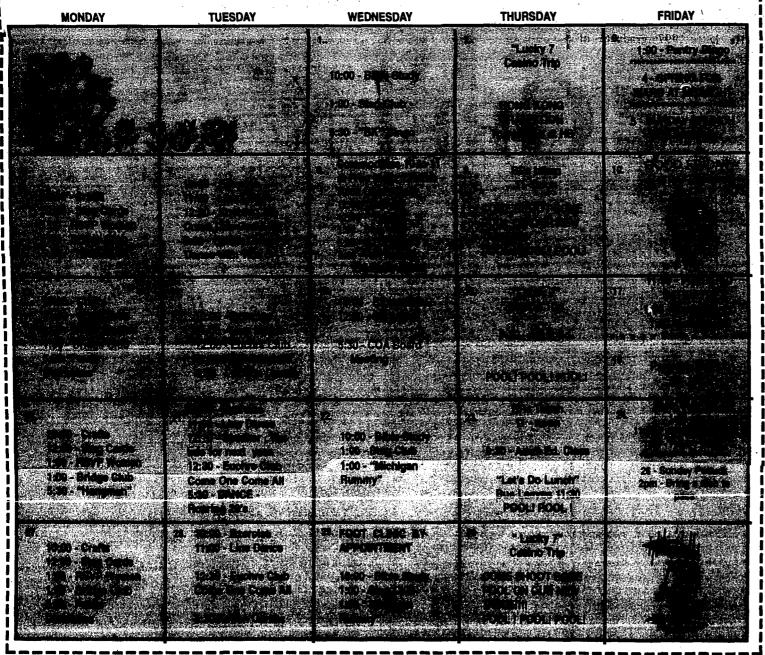
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#### **Easter Dinner set**

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# DeHart, Bokhart wed

On Nov. 29, 1997, Lena L. DeHart Olson, Jeannie Thomas, Scarlett and James R. Bokhart, Jr. were married by Father Robert Nalley at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Grayling.

Lena is the daughter of Michelle Haskin and John Dannenberg, both of Grayling. James is the son of James and Betty Bokhart of Bay City.

Maid of honor was Lindsay. VanAmburg; bridesmaids were: Connie Zalucha, Sherry Whitney, Geri Mahar; Ashley Zalucha was a junior

Jerry Gauthier was best man while Terry Nephew, Rob Morrill, John Beyer, Emil Claerhout; Keven Whitney was junior groom. The ushers were Dan Whitney and Larry Zalucha. The host and hostess were Richard and Kathy Chesney.

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Prior to his commissioning, Ellis was a Staff Sergeant with the

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Mr. Ellis is employed as the

Calibration Technician at the

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(CSMS) in Lansing. He lives in Dewitt

with his wife, Jennifer, and 2-year old

son Derek, Mr. Ellis is a 1986 graduate

of Mio AuSable High School, and the

son of Douglas and Ellen Ellis of Mio.

1071st Maintenance Company was

promoted to Private E-2 on February

22, 1998. Private Sampsel is a 92A-

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### MILITARY NEWS

Timothy G. Sheldon, a member of the 1071st Maintenance Company, was promoted to Sergeant, E-5, by Captain Mike Morang, unit commander of the 1071st Mr. Ellis was instructed in the history Maintenance Company on March 15, 4997am

Sergeant Sheldon's major occupation skill is a 45K, tank turret repairer, and has been a member of the 1071st and Michigan National Guard for 15 years.

Sergeant Sheldon is employed as a federal technician at the Mobilization and Training Equipment Site (MATES) in Grayling

He and his wife, Kathee live in Grayling and have one daughter, Sydnee. Tim is the son of Del and Love Sheldon of Grayling.

Perry L. Papendick, a member of the 1071st Maintenance Company, was promoted to Sergeant, E-6, by Captain Mike Morang, unit commander of the 1071st Maintenance Company on March 15,

Staff Sergeant Perry's major occupation skill is a 54B, nuclear, biological, chemical (NBC) noncommissioned officer in charge, and has been a member of the 1071st and the Michigan National Guard for 12

Staff Sergeant Papendick is a graduate of Grayling High School, and is employed as a contruction

worker in the Grayling area. Perry is the son of Clarence and Delorse Papendick of Grayling.

Bruce Dale, a member of the 1071st Maintenance Company, was commissioned as a Warrant Officer on Nov. 7, 1997.

As a Warrant Officer Candidate, Mr. Dale was instructed in the history of the Warrant Officer corps, the structure of the Army, the Army Maintenance Management System, and Army leadership. This took place at Ft. Rucker, Ala., for a period of four weeks of intensive mental and physical training.

Mr. Dale's new responsibilty is being the mainteneance technician for the track vehicle maintenance platoon, in which members of the track platoon will receive his assistance with technical problems regarding maintenance.

Prior to his commissioning, Dale was a Sergeant First Class in the track vehicle maintenance platoon, where he served as a section chief. Mr. Dale has been a member of the armed forces for 18 years.

Mr. Dale is employed as the work leader of the rebuild section at the Mobilization and Training Equipment Site (MATES) in Grayling.

Mr. Dale lives in Grayling with his wife Doreena and two children, Bruce and Cofféen.

Dale T. Ellis, a member of the 1071st Maintenance Company was commissioned as a Warrant Officer

# Parish, Marsh Wed

Robert H. Marsh and Judy A. Parish The Best Man was Albert Huff. were married by Reverend Carter Garrigues-Cortelyou. The 4:30 p.m. ceremony took place at the Churchill Foster were her attendants. Her son Kyle Parish presented the bride.

The groom's sons Harold, Steven,

On Saturday, March 14, 1998, David and Robert attended their father.

The reception was held at the Quality Inn in West Branch.

The couple both work for the United Methodist Church in West Michigan Department of Corrections, Branch. The brides daughters, Kendra she as a Lieutenant at Camp Lehman Potter, Karolyn Kratky and Karen Correctional Facility and he is a Sergeant at Standish Maximum Correctional Facility.

The newlyweds will make their home in West Branch.

# Heating bill assistance program seeking donations

While mild weather has eased PeopleCare program, according to The Salvation Army and Consumer

Giving to the emergency needs assistance program is down this year, perhaps due to the perception that milder winter weather has lessened the burden on low-income residents. However, many of our neighbors still face financial problems associated with the groomsman were: Matt Timm, unemployment, single parenting, disability or other unfortunate life circumstances.

"Out motto for our 1998 campaign winter's blow this year in Michigan, is, 'Make It Happen,'" said Debbie many state residents still need Laskovich, PeopleCare administrator emergency assistance from the for Consumers Energy. "We ask Michigan residents to consider the needs of their less fortunate neighbors and be generous with their financial assistance and volunteer efforts," said Laskovich.

> PeopleCare contributions are disbursed by the Salvation Army and are used for a variety of emergency needs applications. For many recipients, the PeopleCare program is their last avenue of hope.

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In addition to being a member of the Michigan National Guard, Melissa is also employed by McDonald's of Grayling. Sampsel lives in Grayling with her parents, Jim and Glenda.

Marine Pvt. Ronald E. Ross, son of Ronald E. and Rhonda J. Ross of Roscommon, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

Ross successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physcially and mentally.

Ross joins 41,000 men and women who will enter the Marine Corps this year from all over the country. Signal Systems/Communication He is a 1997 graduate of Roscommon High School.



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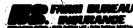


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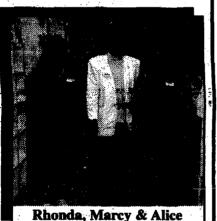
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#### Roystons

by Shirley D. Schmoock Special Writer

Vicki Royston of Grayling has been selected by the Habitat for Humanity Family Selection Committee to receive the organization's second home in the area.

"I couldn't stop crying when they told me. I was so happy." said Royston. "I cried when I talked to my mom and told her, and everyone I tell, well... I just start crying again, it's so wonderful."

Royston and son Lance, a ninth grade student at Grayling High School, will soon have their hands full of hammers, nails and everything else that goes into building a

The Roystons will commit 250 hours — sweat equity, it's called and then pay monthly payments, including taxes and insurance, on an interest-free mortgage.

"Lance is so excited," said Royston, the full-time store manager for the St. Francis Thrift Shop on M72 West in Grayling. "He's taking shop and building trades in school, and he's so anxious to get started with what he's learned."

And what does Lance think about the whole matter?

"I want my own closet — a big one!"

Lance has many hobbies, which include "tinkering and building things." He also enjoys archery and is in Boy Scouts. His penchant for tinkering should come in mighty handy, and he "can hardly wait to get started."

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NEW HOMEOWNER-TO-BE -- The Crawford County Board for Habitat for Humanity hands Vicki Royston the official contract for Habitat homeownership. From left are Deb Glicker, Chair for the Nurturing Committee; Lisa Burmeister, Nurturing Committee member assigned to the Roystons; Grace Feldhauser, Chairman of the Family Selection Committee; Vicki Royston, Lance Royston and Naomi Holysko, Chair of the Crawford County Board for Habitat for Humanity. Photo by Shirley D. Schmoock

Grayling, and her parents are Les SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS Vicki was born and raised in and Marlene Goss.

Mr. Goss retired from the local school system, and Mrs. Goss just retired from Mercy Hospital in November. Both are very eager to help Vicki and Lance with their equity hours'.

Vicki says she's still "in a cloud," but is busily planning, in her head, the colors of the rooms.

"I've never had a new house, and it's still hard to believe."

#### by Jan Farley Special thought for the week: Never friends coming from the various

explain...your friends don't need it and your enemies will not believe it!

Happenings at the Center and announcements of things to come: Pantry Bingo every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. We are starting a Euchie club on Tuesdays at 12:30; come one, come all! Also, anyone out there that likes to play Bridge, they play on Mondays at 1 p.m., please give us a call because we always need a fourth and if we get enough "fourths" there will be another either card game. Blood pressures and sugars taken on the 26th from 11 to noon; SHARE pick-up on the 27th at the Latter Days Saints Church on N. Down River Rd. from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

Getting into April; "BK" Bingo on Lunch/Dinner: the 1st at 5:30. Note change of time now for the longer daylight hours. Lucky 7 Casino trip on the 2nd and we have a new pool table and want To register or for more information everyone to come take advantage of it, especially on Thursdays, morning and afternoons. We have a lot of other "action" games, as well; ping-pong, darts, and shuffleboard so there would be plenty to do on Thursday. All you have to do is come on in! Our Easter dinner will be held on the 7th at 5 p.m. and we'll be serving a very special ham dinner. Dance with Tina following the Easter dinner; then on the 8th is Commodities day from 10 to 9 - Ham Loaf / Roast Beef 11 at the Free Methodist Church. 10 - Center Closed - Good Friday Funfest is the same day at 12:00 with

nursing homes for lunch and fun & games following. Birthday dinner at 5 on the 8th also and the RSVP white elephant auction at 5:30. (Lots happening on that one day!) Blood pressures and sugars taken on the 9th from 11 until noon and the Center will be closed on Good Friday, the 10th.

Congregate meals are served at noon and 5 p.m. Monday thru Thursday and at noon only on Friday. Fruit and vegetable salad bar on Tuesday; Soup served on Monday and Wednesday and bread, juice and milk offered each meal. Please try to make a reservation if you can by calling 348-7123. Menus are subject to change without notice.

March

25 - Roast Beef / Roast Chicken 26 - Stuffed Peppers/Tuna & Noodles

casserole

27 - Ham Steak / no dinner

30 - Hamburg & Cheese Noodles / Veal Birds

31 - Kielbasa & Kraut / Fish Abril

1-Beef Stroganoff/Parmesan Chicken

2 - Pot Roast / Liver & Onions

3 - Baked Ham / no dinner 6 - Roast Pork / Fish Fillets

7 - Stuffesd Turkey / Easter Dinner

8 - Chicken & Biscuits / BBQ Pork

#### Registration for annual 4-H Exploration Days has begun table! Give us a buzz at 348-7123 for Registration for Exploration Days Ceremony.

1998 at Michigan State University is underway. The event is open to youth \$120, which includes all meals, shared ages 12 and over. It is not necessary to lodging and the activities. be a member of 4-H in order to sign up.

This year's Exploration Days will take place on June 24-26.

There will be over 150 learning sessions and entertainment events, including swimming, bowling, dance, canoeing, a Planetarium show, skating, Museum visits and an Awards sion at 344-3264.

The fee for a full-time participant is

A \$20 state scholarship is available, and Glen's slips money can be used to help finance the trip. The local 4-H will also be conducting fund raisers for the event.

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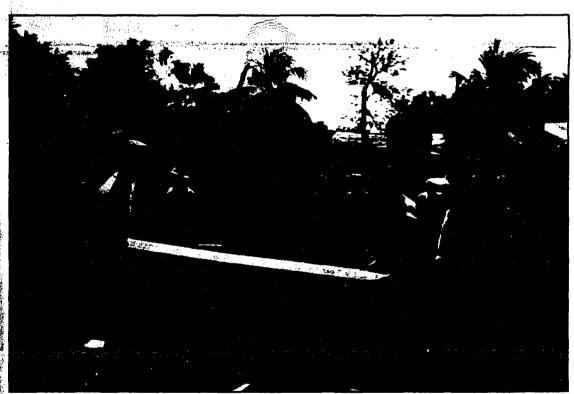
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**Doing God's work in Central America** 

# McClain and Matthews find church mission rewarding



A DAY AT THE BEACH -- Scott McClain spends a day on a Pacific coast beach where he visits with young children who sell candy, red clay pottery, handmade dolls, newspapers and anything that will earn money for their families. McClain was disappointed to find the ocean water too polluted for a refreshing swim. At least he enjoyed an escape from the midday heat in the shade provided by the thatched roof of a beachside portico.



CONCRETE COMPADRES -- Pat Long, left, of Mesick, shares the load of moving a 150 lb. pre-fabricated concrete wall panel onto the new church site with Scott McClain, right. Male residents of the barrios helped with site preparation and construction by serving as welders, mud mixers and tampers.



BEAUTIFUL BOWS -- The ladies who live the barrios learned how to make colorful paper twist ribbon swags to brighten up their humble homes in Managua. They chose purple, blue, teal and peach shaded ribbon for their projects.

by Chervll A. Ruley Staff Writer

For two weeks in February, Grayling residents, Kay Matthews and Scott McClain, along with 24 other members of various Michigan-based Free Methodist churches, travelled to the barrios of Managua, Nicaragua to build churches for the benefit of hundreds of poverty-stricken people.

Known by many to be a dangerous drug and gang infested area of the world, missionary groups have been hesitant to travel to this Central American country.

While in Managua the group was lodged in a Baptist-run compound, surrounded by 15-foot, razor wiretopped walls and guard dogs, just in case someone would get past the razor wire.

Braving 100 degree temperatures, high humidity, colossal cockroaches, biting ants and "unidentifiable food", the group set out to share the Gospel and build two churches that would also serve as school buildings.

Nicaragua is burdened with a 46 percent literacy rate and, according to Matthews, it is only because there is a lack of paper and pencils.

"Anyone who gets an education attends a private school and not many can afford that," said Matthews.

All these details may seem quite trying, but those who volunteered for the trip have a lot of touching stories and fond memories.

Local builder Scott McClain said he will never forget the little oneyear old girl called "Gorda" (fat in Spanish), who never cried and couldn't yet walk.

Every time McClain saw the girl with her mother he would offer to hold her and talk to her.

Gorda's mother is single with four children, an all too common situation in the barrios.

One day Gorda's mother asked McClain if he would take Gorda to live with him, because she knew the

little one would be loved and have many advantages living in the United States.

It nearly broke his heart.

Matthews spoke of Pastor Steve Scott of the Evart Free Methodist Church and how he gave his shoes to a Nicàraguan welder because there were almost no soles left to the pair he was wearing.

This same welder found out that the barrio's church minister, Pastor Luis, though small in stature, was very big in authority and kicked the welder out of the new church building when he arrived drunk and obnoxious.

"The welder towered over Pastor Luis but he knew the pastor meant business," said Matthews.

Matthews spoke very fondly of an old woman that she met who wore an old faded beach towel as a shawl. " She was so proud of her 'shawl'

and never took it off. She really seemed to treasure the beach

While the men were busy building 30 by 60-foot pre-fabricated concrete panel churches, replacing the small wooden, concrete and corrugated metal structures, the women volunteers travelled from barrio to barrio, holding meetings for the women and children.

The meetings included crafts, biblical stories and music. The response was overwhelming and soon the workers were teaching the virtue of patience to the villagers. Getting them into a single file line was a chore.

The women made paper ribbon bow swags secured to a ruler supplied by Wolohan Lumber.

"They were so proud of themselves and happy that they had something to decorate their homes with," Matthews said. "They will use anything for decoration. An old picture of Santa Claus was hanging in one house."

They also learned to make beaded bracelets and necklaces. The beads came in zip-loc bags which the bar-

rios' women collected and treated as though they were quite valuable.

The children came in droves and volunteers organized them into age groups. Some of the children tried to pass themselves off as another age so that they could take advantage of all the activities, leaving some children out of the fun.

Matthews said once the situation was realized the volunteers "color coded the kids" by giving them different colored long shoelaces to wear as necklaces in an effort to keep tabs on any "repeats".

The Nicaraguans are blessed with year-round warm weather, perfect for growing mangos, avocados and bananas. Although, along with the staples of rice and beans, the natives enjoy a healthy diet, they have parasites to deal with from untreated water and medical facilities are antiquated, at best.

Entire families travel to the bleak clinics provided by the Nicaraguan government.

The country's doctors were recently on strike, protesting their \$200 monthly salary and demanding it be increased to \$2,000 per month. No word on the outcome.

Matthews was surprised at the extent of the pharmacy at one clinic. "They had more available than I expected and at a third of the price that we pay here in this country."

McClain and Matthews both stated that it seemed the people of the barrios are fairly happy and very grateful for what little they have and appreciate everything given to them, especially their new churches.

As soon as one of the churches was finished a service was held and 175 people attended.

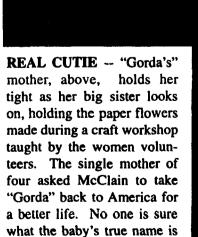
The volunteer group left behind two electric keyboards and an Ibanez guitar for use in the new churches.

The work the volunteers performed was exhausting and Matthews said that she and others were grateful for that because the group would be too exhausted to complain about their spartan surroundings at the com-"We only had enough energy to

name and tally up our roommates, Matthews. "Thank goodness we were in Nicaragua during the dry season and we didn't have mosquitoes to deal with.'

McClain plans to travel to the American Southwest next winter to help out the Native Americans. Matthews may travel back to Central America to help the Panamanian people.

Photos submitted by Kay Matthews



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LA ROPA ESPECIAL -- Kay Matthews, left, gives this abuela (grandmother) a friendly embrace. Around the abuela's shoulders is a faded beach towel she uses as a shawl.



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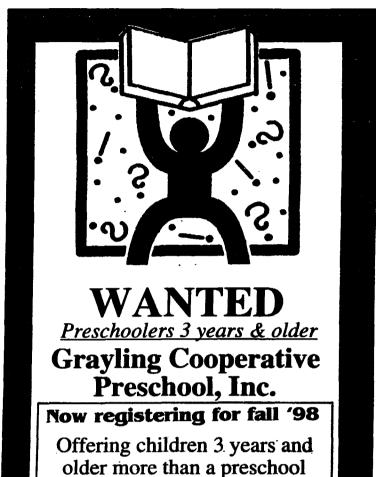
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# Grayling Middle School wrestlers gain success by learning

Wrestling Coach demand dedication or tournament placements, all Viking and patience. After working an eight wrestlers contribute to the team's of more hour a day regular job, the Coach spends two hours each day wrestling. Then, every Saturday for two months, the coach wakes up at 5 various tournaments in Northern in only his first year. Michigan and returns home in early evening.

The Grayling Middle School Head Coach is Joe Ferrigan and he has led some 60 Viking wrestlers age five to 14 to seven tournaments thus far in 1998. Usually competing against eight place medals in a row. to 10 teams per tournament, Ferrigan organized chaos in these gyms on Saturdays.

With help from his array of assistant of his wrestlers to participate for three to five matches per day in a noisy gym crowded by over 1,500 spectators and 400-500 opposing wrestlers, coaches, Nuck has four first place medals to his scorekeepers and referees.

Coach Ferrigan has maintained his thrust of teaching wrestling skills though all of his hours of supervision by congratulating the victors and consoling the defeated. The moves, holds, and confidence of his wrestlers exemplify the teaching process for all to see at the tournaments.

In addition to the nine sixth, seventh and eighth grade wrestlers sporting winning records, several Vikings have has lost only one match this year. He shown consistent improvements with their "placements" during the current

While Middle School wrestling is scored based upon individual competition, the Grayling coaches have emphasized the team nature of the sport that is critical to high school wrestling. Most every match has at least one teammate helping the coach bark instructions to their follow wrestler during the brief, but strenuous

The rigors of a Grayling Viking Thus, regardless of win-loss records

Viking Middle School wrestlers who during the week teaching his young have consistently participated during men the fundamentals in the sport of the course of the year include the

Mike Gassman - sixth grade. a.m. or earlier to take his wrestlers to Gassman has three third places and is

Adam Malone - sixth grade. Malone has placed in all of the tournaments Sundays are reserved for compiling this year with one first place, four statistics and planning the next week's second places, and two third place

> Daryll Babbitt - sixth grade, babbitt suffered a broken hand in West Branch and was lost for the season. Before his injury, Babbitt garnered three first

Dan Snider - sixth grade. Snider has maintains a steady flow during the shown improvement during the course of the year and has three recent third place medals.

Travis Gildner-sixth grade. Gildner coaches, Ferrigan calmly arranges each has six victories to his credit and placed second in the Roscommon Tournament.

> credit and has placed in all but one of the tournaments. Dustin Partello-sixth grade. Partello

> has won two first place and two second place medals while wrestling in a heavier weight class. Jesse CdeBaca - sixth grade.

> CdeBaca has two second place medals on the season including a solid performance at the Grayling Tournament.

Brandon Pratt - sixth grade. Pratt has the most Viking wins with 21 and has six first place medals to top his lone second place finish.

Eric Hunter - seventh grade. hunter has placed in four tournaments and is one of the hardest Vikings to pin.

Rvan Messerschmidt - seventh grade. Messerschmidt has amasses seven victories on the season and finished in second place at the Gladwin tournament.

Chris Johns - seventh grade. known as "gonzo" to his teammates, Chris has only one loss marring his record this year. his 20 victories are second on the team and he has six first place medals.

Roy Middleton - seventh grade. Roy drew probably the toughest matches all year in the 145 pound weight class. Wrestling against mostly eighth grades, Middleton has still managed to win two third place medals over the course of the year.

Andy Palmer - eight grade. Palmer has also received a medal every tournament with two first place, four second places, and one third place finish. Because of low weight, Palmer had four medals on the year and had is expected to have an immediate his best performance at the Grayling impact in high school next year as a freshman.

Larry Baynham - eighth grade. Baynham is another wrestler high school coaches will be looking forward to. He has earned three first place and three second place medals while competing in the difficult 130 pound weight class. Last Saturday in West tournament in West Branch.

IN CONTROL -- Nate Haskel gets the upper hand at last week's

All-State Champion from Davidson. Nick Hurd - eighth grade. Hurd has

Chris Malone - eighth grade. Malone Tournament. Malone beat a tough Standish opponent in Grayling to debut in wrestling. Joseph's best capture the third place medal. Malone tournament of the year was in Grayling also expects to play football and wrestle in high school next year.

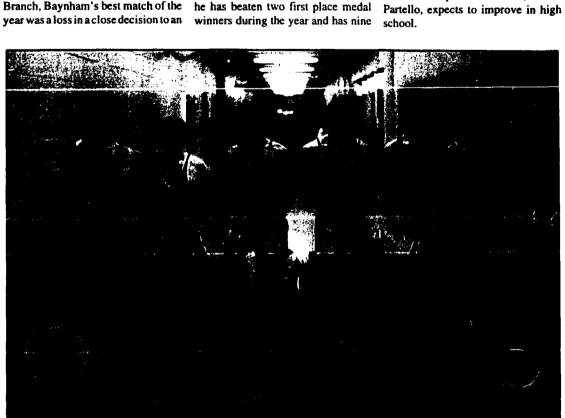
Chris McGuire - eighth grade. The most improved wrestler since the beginning of the year, McGuire has four second place medals to his credit.

total victories.

Nate Haskel - eighth grade. Haskel been a consummate team player all remains undefeated on the year while year. He gained a fourth place finish holding a 20-0 win-loss record. He at West Branch and will continue has six first place medals and missed wrestling along with football in high one tournament because of a band concert. Seventeen of Haskel's wins have been by pins and his closet match was a 5-0 decision against a wrestler from Midland.

> Juell Joseph - eighth grade. Joseph is another football player making his

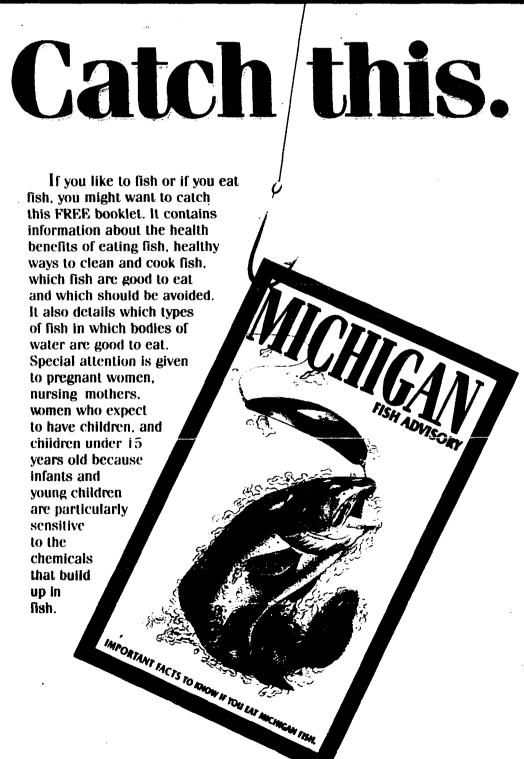
where he gained a second place medal. Billy Partello-eighth grade. Partello is also in his first year of wrestling and had gained valuable experience while in middle school. He finished in third place at the Grayling Tournament and, with the help of his father. Butch



JUNIOR HIGH MATMEN - The Grayling Middle School Wrestling Team: (front row, left to right) Ryan Messerschmidt, Charlie Williams, Eric Hunter, Adam Malone, Zach VanNuck, Jesse Cdebaca. (middle row, left to right) Nick Hurd, Billy Partello, Dusty Partello, Dan Snider, Travis Gildner, Mike Gassman, Brandon Pratt. (back row, left to right) Andy Palmer, Chris Malone, Chris McGuire. Nate Haskel, Larry Baynham, Chris Johns. The wrestlers will take part in their last meet of the season this weekend at the Benzie Central Tournament.



OFF THE GROUND -- Larry Baynham lifts his opponent for a take down at a Gladwin meet.



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1997-98 TEAM CHAMPS -- Don Germain holds the prize money check awarded his team, sponsored by Moore's Automotive, for placing first in the team event in the Grayling City Association #23365 Annual ABC Championship Tournament held Feb. 10 and Feb. 12. With him are his teammates, from left: Al Angove, Todd Kotrash, Carl Yost and Phil Faustman.

# Grayling City Association #23365 bowling

#### **Annual ABC Championship Tournament** 1997-98 Final Standings

#### **TEAM EVENT**

- 1. Moore's Automotive, 3246 total
- Carl Yost, captain. 2. Legion Lanes, 3160 total pins.
- Brian Palmer, captian. 3. McLeans Ace, 3085 total pins.
- Larry Davis Jr., captain.
- 4. C.S.I., 3069 total pins. Mike Campbell, captain.
- 5. Stitches by Sue, 3032 total pins. Ken Louchart, captain.
- 6. Forrest Brothers, 3026 total pins.
- Mike Barr, captain. 7. Northern Whitetail, 2999 total
- Dan Canfield, captain. 8. Auto-Wares, 2967 total pins.
- Tom Devins, captain. 9. Burnside R.V., 2951 total pins.
- Tim Martin, captain. 10. Corky's D.J., 2923 total pins. Mac Ashworth, captain.

#### DOUBLES EVENT

1414 total pins.

- 2. Jake Helsel & Lance Davis, 1248 6. Barry McClanahan, 654 total pins. total pins.
- 1228 total pins.
- 5. Ron Hinds & Jim Golnick, 1221
- total pins. 6. Jim DuBois & Dan Canfield, 1220 total pins.
- 7. Tim Martin & Carl Yost, 1208 total pins.
- 8. Michael Moshier & Roger Moshier, 1204 total pins.
- 9. Troy McDonald & Steve Peterson, 1194 total pins. 10. Luke Helsel & Bill Evon, 1183

#### SINGLES EVENT

- 1. Lance Davis, 722 total pins.
- 2. Joe Prosser, 687 total pins. 3. Al Angove, 671 total pins.
- 1. Phil Faustman & Larry Davis Jr., 4. Jan Thayer, 665 total pins.

on Saturday, April 4, the puck will

drop at 7:30 p.m. at the Ostego County

Sportsplex in Gaylord.

- 5. Richard Schreiber, 656 total pins.
- 7. Bill Evon, 652 total pins.
- 3. Mike Barr & Tim Sheldon, 1242 8. Jim DuBios, 647 total pins.
- 9. Marc McKee, 644 total pins. 4. Dan Walker & Perry Papendick, 10. Tim Sheldon, 640 total pins.

#### **ALL-EVENTS**

- 1. Jan Thayer, 1945 total pins.
- 2. Al Angove, 1920 total pins.
- 3. Tim Sheldon, 1895 total pins.
- 5. Tim Martin, 1864 total pins. 6. Bill Evon, 1860 total pins.
- 7. Jim DuBois, 1855 total pins.
- 8. Mac Ashworth, 1839 total pins.
- 10. Ron Hinds, 1827 total pins.
- 9. KenLouchart, 1831 total pins.

#### Female: K. Davis, 144. 4. Ray Pyle, 1888 total pins. High Series: Male: K. Fedak, 250;

Female: K. Davis, 249. Most Pins over Average: Male: M. Lobsinger, 48; Female: K. Davis, M.

Space Jamers.....

Mathey, 41. Most Pins over Series: Male: 0;

**Action League** 

Cartoon League

Looney Tunes......14-13

Scooby Doo's......13-14

Rug Rats.....8-19

High Game: Male: J. Dreasky, 174;

High Series: Male: J. Dreasky, 309; Female: B. Yanniello, 205. Most Pins over Average: Male: J.

Dreasky, 77; Female: B. Turner, 67.

Most Pins over Series: Male: J. Dreasky, 18; Female: B. Turner, 43.

Comedy League

Wild Natures......18-9

Black Sheep......17-10

Tin Cups......16-11

Paul Bearers......15-12

Nutty Professors.....11-16

Clerk's.....10-17

High Game: Male: K. Fedak, 141;

.....7-20

..5-22

3 Stooges.....

Female: B. Yanniello, 113.

# Female: M. Mathey, 16.

# Hinkle, Tobin and Beckwith receive All-League honors

Three Grayling High School boys basketball players recently received averaged eight assists per outing.

Grizzlies faced the Compuware Grizzlies will face the Soo Indians in gan Conference All-League First point range. Sault Ste. Marie, the puck will drop at Team.

March 27 and 28 the Grizzlies will was named to the NEMC First Team NEMC championship.

Forward Nate Beckwith, a junior, received an All-League Honorable The Grizzlies next home game will take place against the Danville Wings

Hinkle averaged 27 points and seven rebounds per game. He hit 71 percent of his free throws and shot 48 percent from three point land.

Beckwith finished the season with a Nate Hinkle, a sophomore guard, 12 points-per-game average. He made On Friday, March 20 the Gaylord On Wednesday, March 25 the was named to the North East Michi- 41 percent of his shots from three

Tobin scored 16 points a game and

The varsity Vikings team finished Sophomore Eli Tobin, also a guard, the year in a three way tie for the

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# Grizzlies split two with Ambassadors all-conference honors.

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The Grizzlies won by a score of 4- 7:30 p.m. On Friday & Saturday, Nate Ziemski was protecting the travel to Cleveland, Ohio to face the as well.

Grizzlies net while Beau Fritz was Cleveland Barons. between the pipes for the Ambassadors. Goals for the Grizzlies were scored

by Kenton Bednarz; a power play

goal assisted by Karlis Zirnis & Brad Fraser, Kenton Bednarz from Karlis Zirnis, Josh Johnson unassisted, and Karlis Zirnis; an unassisted empty net goal. Nate Ziemski was between the Grizzlies pipes again on Saturday,

March 21 when the team returned home to the Ostego County Sportsplex to once again face the Ambassadors. The Grizzlies lost that game by a

score of 3-2. Grizzlies goals were scored by Mark Yoder unassisted and Efren Larranaga assisted by R.C. Lyke & Kenton Bednarz.

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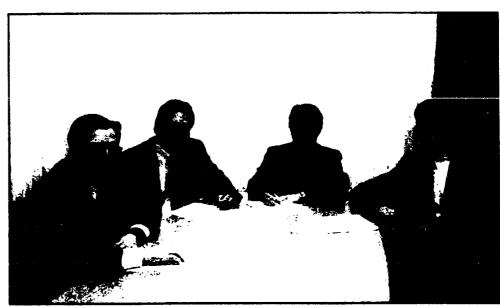
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R & M Masonry19
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Raybould, 195; M. Miller, S. Harney,
183.
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Walker, 526; M. Miller, 523.

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197; S. France, 192; K. I	Moshier, 189.
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# American Men's League

McLean's Ace	17-1
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UpperLakes	13-1
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Nunn, 237; B. Hurd, 222; M.	
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555; D. Canfield, 554.	
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Men's High Series: M. Campbell, 562; R. Schreiber, 533; M. Sumner,

Women's High Game: K. Trudeau, 199, 193; B. Lozon, 186; S. France, Women's High Series: S. France, 531; K. Trudeau, 527; K. Moshier,

### **LEGAL ACTION**

#### STATE OF MICHIGAN SYNOPS IS IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF **CRAWFORD** Estate of Clarence E. OF

Wygant, deceased FILE No. 97-005654-IE NOTICE OF DISTRIBUTION TO: LARRY JOHNSON and to his unknown

presumptive heirs and devisee RICHARD GALUSKY and to his unknown presumptive heirs and devise DONNAJO WYGANT and to her unknown presumptive heirs and devisees

RONALD WYGANT and to his unknown presumptive heirs and devisees WAYNE GALUSKY and to his unkn

presumptive heirs and devisees NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that unless cause to the contrary is shown, on July 6, 1998, an Order of Distribution will be made by the Court for the portion(s) in question as though the disappeared heirs or devisees listed above have predeceased the decedent named herein, who died on January 1, 1997.

Dated: February 24, 1998 JANICE WYGANT GREEN, Personal Representative DOUGLAS C. DOSSON (P26312) Attorney at Law PO Box 593, 408 Lake St. Roscommon, Mich. 48653 (517) 275-5284

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	201; K. Harris, 195; A. Smith, 194.
	Men's High Series: L. Essiambre,
	549; D. Germain, 520; K. Harris, 516.
	Women's High Game: P. Harris, 181;
•	D. Brantley, 176; M. Tarr, 174.
	Women's High Series: P. Harris, 475;
	R. Joyce, 459; D. Brantley, 453.

# **CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD COMMISSIONERS**

#### Personnel and **Labor Meeting** of January 27, 1998

Chairman Robert Smock called to order the Crawford County Personnel & Labor Committee Meeting in the County Building on January 27, 1998.

Present: Smock, Long, Bretzek, Hartman Black. Absent: Corlew

Sandra Moore, County Clerk/Reg. of Deeds There were also other visitors preser

- Approved the minutes of the December 9 1997 Personnel & Labor Meeting.

 Commissioner Corlew present at 8:25 - Agreed that the presented employee Performance Review Form to be distributed to

each County Commissioner for consideration and to submit comments to Personnel & Labor Chairman Smock by the next Regular Board Meeting of February 12, 1998.

— Advised that when the Court Personnel Contract conflicts with the AFSCME District

Court Policy, any court employees who recently took off an unpaid holiday will either take the time as a vacation day or as unpaid day. - Agreed that all outside Corporate Counsel costs for labor issues will be charge to the respective department affected rather than the

County Line Item. - Agreed to invite City Controller Charlie Brown to address the Board at the February 24, 1998 Regular Board Meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:08 a.m. Sandra Moore, County Clerk/Reg. of Deeds

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Computer Services40-16
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Adkinson, 524; J. Helsel, 521.
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K. Moshier, 202; G. Murray, 193.
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#### SYNOPSIS **GRAYLING TOWNSHIP BOARD** Regular Meeting March 10, 1998

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Medler, Melvin Nunn, Ruth O'Mara, Monica Ashton, Terry Wright.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None. OTHERS PRESENT: Gary McConnell, Neal Michal, Jim Briney, Ray Swiercz, Tom Szur, Joe Wakeley, Curt Marshall.

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Supervisor Wright. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Nunn, second by Medler, to approve minutes of February 10, 1998, as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report for February 1998 was read and placed on file.

Correspondence: (No action required) C.A.S.D. Board Happenings, C.C. 911 Report, C of C Newsletter. BUSINESS:

1. Supervisor offered legal interpretation of tabled issue (2-10-98) regarding request by Crawford County Habitat For Humanity for a grant from Grayling Township to be used in the revolving fund towards the construction of future homes in Crawford County. The legal opinion of the Michigan Township Association's Attorney is that the contribution would not be allowed because eligibility requirements, which include income limitations. prevent the housing from being available to all township residents.

2. Joe Wakeley, Crawford County Treasurer, and Tom Szur, BSA Equalizer Software representative updated the Board on the transition of various C.C. Townships onto the Equalizer tax billing and receipting program instituted by the County Treasurer in 1997. The process is running smoothly and Mr. Wakeley is encouraging Grayling Township to coordinate its assessing and tax collection software with that of the County and contract with the County to process its tax bills and related documents. Cost of the software is \$9,990.00

Motion by Medler, support by O'Mara, that installation, training, support, upgrade and conversion costs must be considered and authorize Mr. Wakeley, Neal Michal of ICC, and Dept. Heads involved to work out estimates of costs vs. savings, of having the bills processed locally, to be presented for the April 1998 regular meeting. All ayes, motion carried.

3. Road Commission Chairman Ray Swiercz and Managing Director James Briney appeared to ask the township to join them in a project to resurface North Down River Road this summer. They explained that the road commission is committed to resurfacing, adding two to three inches of asphalt to the existing base, as much of the road ad possible within the limits of a \$125,000. federal road grant, but could do much more if money was available.

The project is slated to pave from either the intersection with the I-75 B.L. or the intersection with Michigan Avenue eastward. The projected ending point will be determined by how much money Grayling Township can add to the fund.

A decision will not be required until all cost factors can be determined and until the Grayling Township Board has had a chance to look at the preliminary design work. Any funding given by Grayling Township will come from the 1998-99 fiscal budget which begins July 1, 1998

4. Moved by Nunn, supported by Medler, that the request from Camp Grayling Officers Club, asking that they be recognized as a nonprofit organization operating in the community for the purpose of obtaining a gaming license or registration be considered for approval by the Michigan Lottery/Charitable Gaming Division. Ayes; five, Nays; none, motion carried

5. Grayling Township's liability insurance company, Municipal Underwriter's of Michigan, has offered the following opinion, through a letter from local representative Paul Olson, regarding coverage of our building inspector while performing inspections for Frederic Township by contract. (See 2-10-98

Grayling Township will be provided full liability coverage for contracting its building inspector to do inspections for another municipality. The company will also provide liability coverage for the inspector while he is operating within the scope of his duties while providing the service. The company feels that although the Township's exposure to liability is enhanced due to the fact that it will be covering a larger territory it will not be a high risk operation. Governmental entities contract service for fire and police and the company would view this as another mutual aid

If a contract is developed between Frederic Township and Grayling Township, M.U.M., a.k.a. Michigan Township Participating Plan requests to review the agreement before signing. Frederic Township is also insured through the same company which would work in both townships favor.

6. Motion by O'Mara, support by Nunn, to authorize Supervisor to attend Leadership Institute in Lansing on April 29 & 30, 1998, and How To Become A Communicator Seminar in Traverse City on May 26, 1998. Also authorizes clerk to attend training session for Qualified Voter File and Census 2000. Ayes; five, Nays; none, motion carried.

7. The Christian Youth Activity Center (CYAC) is requesting a contribution from the Township towards improvements for the activity center for teenagers of the community. CYAC was requested to submit details for a specific item or project.

8. Township Hall meeting room expansion tabled from 12-97. Consensus was to postpone further consideration of improvements until ramifications of how Crawford County's budget deficits might effect Township services is better understood. There may be other items which need higher priority.

9. Supervisor reported that legislation to

convey approximately 60 acres of undeveloped land to Grayling Township for the purpose of establishing a township park has passed through both the State House of Representatives and the Senate and is currently waiting for Engler's signature to become law.

The land, located directly off the northern end of Isenhauer Road next to 1-75 was previously slated to be sold at public auction by the MDNR. The East Branch of the AuSable River runs through the southern end of the

property which is approximately 1.000 feet wide. The land narrows to about 600 feet wide at the northern end. It is nearly 3/4 of a mile

Motion by O'Mara, supported by Ashton, to authorize the land, being conveyed to the Township for the purpose of a park, to be surveyed once title is received from the State. All ayes, motion carried.

10. REPORTS: Supervisor: Spring 98 Township Newsletter will be out mid-March.

Ferrigan: Building & Zoning Dept. Report read and placed on file. Nelson: Recycling & Compactor

Report read and placed on file. 11. Motion by O'Mara, support by Medler. to authorize payment of bills on vouchers 13999 through 19432, Board and Comm. fees of \$468.00, Guardian Dental, \$487,30, and liquor inspection fees of \$90.00 for a total of \$11,838.23. Ayes, five, nays, none; motion

12. Motion to adjourn by O'Mara, Nunn. carried. All ayes.

Monica S. Ashton, C.M.C. Grayling Township Clerk

#### SYNOPSIS CRAWFORD **COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** Regular Meeting of February 12, 1998

The Regular Board Meeting was called to order by Chairman John Hartman at 9 a.m. in the Crawford County Courthouse on February 12, 1998.

Present: Hartman, Smock, Long, Bretzek. Black, Corlew. Absent: None

Sandra Moore, County Clerk/Reg. of Deeds

There were also other visitors present. - Approved the minutes presented for the Regular Board Meeting of January 13, 1998 with additions to the report of Commissioner Black.

- Agreed to proclaim March 21, 1998 as "Roger Weatherly Day" in view of his many years of service to Crawford County as a volunteer firefighter in Beaver Creek Township.

- Approved the Ways & Mean's Committee Report and payment of the following listed vouchers: General Fund Balance from the "Open Invoice Report": \$90,143.46 and prepaid vouchers in the amount of \$10,939.29; Environmental Control Fund - \$206.40; Commissioners per diem: Black - \$158.00 per diem and \$266.68 mileage; Bretzke - \$128.00 per diem and \$123.90 mileage; Corlew -\$128.00 per diem; Hartman - \$128.00 per diem and \$40.60 mileage; Long - \$128.00 per diem; and Smock - \$128.00 per diem.

-Accepted the correspondence as

— Supported the Monroe County Resolution Public Act 339 of 1919 commonly known as The Dog Law of 1919" and for Crawford County to promote and equivalent Resolution for signature of Chairman Hartman and to advance to State House Representative Allen Lowe requesting both his support and enactment of this matter.

- Directed a letter to D.N.R. Director K.L. Cool requesting his reply and outline in respect to the fire suppression plan for Crawford County in the event of a forest fire as we have seventy to eighty percent State and Federal land.

- Amended the agenda to allow Community Corrections Case Manager Frank Michels - Opened the Public Hearing at 10:00 a.m.

regarding the rezoning in Beaver Creek Township.

- Closed the Public Hearing at 10:10 a.m. and resume the Regular Board Meeting. - Approved the rezoning changes in Beaver

- Agreed to accept the audit as presented by Treasurer Joe Wakeley and CPA Marvin Henderson.

--- Approved creating a separate CDBG Fund #275 to be established by the transfer of \$97,386.93 from the Housing Commission Fund #274 from the inception of the program through

- Approved Marvin H. Henderson, CPA to rewrite the present correspondence to the office of Community Development from Chairman John Hartman and resubmit for Board approval and signature.

- Agreed to forward a letter of support for the recommendation of M.A.C. opposing House Bill 5284 and for E.M.O. Pat Merrill to attend on behalf of the County the Public Hearing on February 17, 1998 in Grand Rapids.

- Agreed to forward a letter of gratitude to all candidates who submitted designs for the County Flag Logo.

- Agreed to contact the winner of the Flag Logo Election held on February 5th and 6th and request they contact M.A.C. to redefine their entry design which is to then be resubmitted for Board approval.

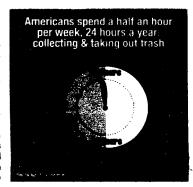
-- Agreed to remove the subject matter of Employee Evaluation Forms from the table.

 Agreed to seek a performance evaluation tool of elected Department Heads and appointed Department Heads that are supervised by elected officials.

- Agreed to table the nomination for the Governor John B. Swainson Award for two weeks to allow all Commissioners to review.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m. A full context of the meeting minutes is on file in the Clerk's Office.

Sandra Moore County Clerk/Reg. of Deeds



#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Frederic Township Zoning Board will hold a Public Hearing to submit it's recommendations of a tentative zoning ordinance to the Township.

> Date: April 2, 1998 Time: 7:00 p.m. Place: Frederic Township Hall 7564 County Road 612 Frederic, MI

Brian Hulbert Supervisor

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#### NOTICE **CRAWFORD COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING VACANCY**

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners will be accepting applications for an opening on the Crawford County Commission on Aging through Wednesday, April 8, 1998 @ 4:00 P.M. Applicants are required to be county residents and must have a genuine interest in the lives of all seniors within Crawford County. Applications can be obtained and submitted to County Clerk Sandra Moore at the Crawford County Courthouse 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738.

Sandra Moore

County Clerk /Register of Deeds

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#### **USDA - FOREST SERVICE HURON-MANISTEE NATIONAL FORESTS MIO RANGER DISTRICT CRAWFORD COUNTY. MICHIGAN**

The Huron-Manistee National Forest, Mio Ranger District is currently considering a proposal to conduct low intensity prescribed fires in selected red pine plantations over the next five years. The objective of these prescribed burns is to:

a) reduce natural fuel build up from accumulating needles, small branches, and timber harvest residue, and

b) stimulate growth of herbaceous vegetation underneath the forest canopy which is currently being inhibited by the build up of needles.

The proposed treatment areas are located in Big Creek Twp. of Oscoda County and South Branch Twp. of Crawford County.

For more information, or to receive a copy of the project proposal, please contact the Forest Service, Mio Ranger District, 401 Court St., Mio MI, or call 517-826-3252. Please respond by April 30th, 1998, so that comments can be incorporated into the project analysis.

#### SYNOPSIS **CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF** COMMISSIONERS Regular Meeting of January 27, 1998

The Regular Meeting of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman John Hartman at 9 a.m. in the Crawford County Courthouse on January 27, Creek Township as presented in the Public

> Present: Hartman, Smock, Long, Bretzek, Black, Corlew.

Absent: None Sandra Moore, County Clerk/Reg. of Deeds

present. There were also other visitors present.

- Approved the Regular Board Minutes of the January 13, 1998 Regular Board Meeting. - Approved the Organizational Board Minutes of January 5, 1998 with additional appointment listings of Commissioner Corlew to Parks & Recreation, Strong Family Safe Children and Michigan County Social Services

Administration. Amended the agenda allowing Gregory Hill of G.T.E. to discuss features of the new telephone system being installed in the County Building.

--- Agreed to forward full payment in the amount of \$7,079.29 to Impact Office Supply for the annual office supply order.

Accepted the correspondence as Agreed that all requests for County

Building security keys be directed to Sheriff Lovely. Agreed to table the issue on Honeywell for two weeks at which time Commissioner

Long will report back to the Board. - Meeting recessed at 10:15 and called

back to order at 10:31 a.m. - Commissioner Bretzke will forward the written compliant submitted by senior citizens to the Commission on Aging for placement on the C.O.A. agenda

- Appointed Theodore P. Gomez to the Crawford County Planning Commission for a term through December 29, 2000 and to forward a letter requesting he consider a position on the Construction Board of Appeals

- Agreed to schedule a Public Hearing at 10:00 a.m. at the Regular Board Meeting of January 12, 1998 regarding the presented issues of rezoning in Beaver Creek Township.

- Agreed to post in the County Building and in The Avalanche Newspaper a notice for the position of County Board Confidential Secretary. The position pay rate is established at beginning confidential secretarial pay with compensation for experience. Interviews to be conducted before a full Board at a Personnel & Labor Meeting.

- Reinstated an employee hiring freeze with no new County hires unless first approved by the Board of Commissioners.

- Authorized the County Clerk to hire a Deputy Circuit Court Clerk to fill the current Meeting was adjourned at 11:46 a.m.

A full context of the meeting minutes is on file in the Clerk's Office.

Sandra Moore County Clerk/Reg. of Deeds



#### CRAWFORD AUSABLE SCHOOL DISTRICT ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

There will be three positions open for the Crawford AuSable School Board of Education at the regular school election. Positions are for one 1 year term and two 4 year terms. The deadline for filing is 4:00 p.m. April 6, 1998. Petitions may be obtained at 403 E. Michigan Avenue, Grayling.

#### NOTICE **SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP**

Under the provisions of the Freedom of the Information and Open Meetings Acts, the Township of South Branch does hereby establish that there will be one(1) regular monthly meeting held by the Township Board

Ali meetings will be held at the Township on M-18.

2. Meetings will be held on the second(2nd) Tuesday of each month and will commence promptly at 7:30 PM.

3. Dates of the regular meetings are as follows:

14, 1998 August 11, 1998 8, 1998 September 12 January 12,1999 June October 13 February 9 10 July November March

ANNUAL MEETING; MARCH 27, 1999 @ 9:00 AM

A summary of the Adopted Budget for 1998 - 1999 and Financial Statement for year ending March 31, 1998, are available for public inspection at the South Branch Township offices located at 5245 M-18, Roscommon, MI.

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#### NOTICE SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP **BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING & ANNUAL MEETING FOR GENERAL & SPECIAL FUNDS**

The South Branch Township Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed Township Budget for the fiscal year 1998-1999 at South Branch Township, 5245 M-18, Roscommon, Ml. 48653 on March 28, 1998 @

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of hearing.

A copy of the budget is available for public inspection at the South Branch Township Hall.

This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended, MCLA 41.72a(2)(3) and the American with Disabilities Act. The South Branch Township board will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting upon 10 days notice to the Township Board. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the South Branch Township Board by writing or calling the following: Laura Smith, clerk, 5245 M-18, Roscommon, MI 48653. (517) 275-8232. 19-26

# TOWNSHIP OF BEAVER CREEK, CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN

To: The residents and property owners of the Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan and any other interested persons.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that at a regular meeting held on the 16th day of March, 1998, the Township Board adopted Ordinance No.15. The summary of the ordinance appears below.

**LAND DIVISION ORDINANCE NO. 15** 

SECTION I: TITLE: This Ordinance shall be known and cited as the "Beaver Creek Township Land Division Ordinance\*.

SECTION II: PURPOSE: The purpose of this Ordinance is to carry out the provisions of the State Land Division Act, 1967 PA 288, as amended, formly known as the Subdivision Control Act.

SECTION III: DEFINITIONS: This section defines terms and phrases used in this Ordinance.

SECTION IV: PRIOR APPROVAL REQUIREMENT FOR LAND DIVISIONS: Sets out the requirements for prior review and approval of land divisions. SECTION V: APPLICATION FOR LAND DIVISION APPROVAL: Sets out the documents required to be filed

along with the application for land division approval. SECTION VI: PROCEDURE FOR REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS FOR LAND DIVISION APPROVAL: Sets out the procedure to be followed when an application for land division has been filed, and states that the divisions

must be approved or disapproved within 45 days after receipt of such application. SECTION VII: STANDARDS FOR APPROVAL OF LAND DIVISIONS: States that a proposed land division shall be approved if all criteria in this section are met, i.e. minimum width, depth, area and adequate accessability,

SECTION VIII: CONSEQUENCES OF NONCOMPLIANCE WITH LAND DIVISION APPROVAL REQUIRE-MENTS: Any parcel created without compliance with this ordinance shall not be recognized on the assessment roll and no construction thereon which required the prior issuance of a cons. ....on or building permit shall be

SECTION IX: SEVERABILITY: Provides that if any portion of this Ordinance is declared invalid such invalidity shall not effect any other portion of this Ordinance.

SECTION X: REPEAL: Repeals all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith.

SECTION XI: EFFECTIVE DATE: This Ordinance shall take effect upon publication after adoption.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the full text of this Ordinance will be available for inspection and a copy can be obtained at the office of the Township Clerk, 8994 S. Oak Road, Grayling, MI, office hours 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM from the date of this publication.

Sharon K. Hartman Clerk

#### For The Week Of March 29-April 4

#### **ARIES** March 21-April 20

Looking for love in all the wrong places? Take a step back-it might just be closer than you think. Leave yourself open for great possibilities. Be receptive to changes coming at work. Who knows, it might all work out better for you in the end.

#### **TAURUS** April 21-May 21

Take an aggressive approach to handling a persistent problem. Stand up for yourself at work to earn someone's respect. Plan time away for you and your partner. With so much going on, the two of you haven't had much time for each other. Now is your big chance.

#### **GEMINI** May 22-June 21

Don't keep putting off menial tasks. The sooner you get them out of the way, the better you'll feel about yourself, and the sooner you'll be able to have some fun. One thing you've delayed is exercise and doing something about your diet. Focus on both this week.

#### CANCER June 22-July 22

An idea that seemed utterly useless at first may turn out to be a great success So don't dismiss anything as silly the first time you review it. This weekend, let business take a back seat to family matters. Your family needs your understanding and attention.

#### LEO July 23-August 23

Don't be a wallflower at social gatherings. By stepping out and talking to others, you may find social skills you didn't know you had. You may also meet someone who could be valuable to your career. Clear your deak to make room for an exciting project coming soon.

#### **VIRGO** August 24-September 22

Trivite a close friend to do something adventurous with you. You both will unwind and put some pretty heavy cares behind you. Back at work, when a sticky situation comes up, you will be able to deal with it with a new attitude.

### September 23-October 23

Don't let work get you down. Even if things seem like they continue to get worse, keep your chin up. Think of this time as an opportunity to make a change. Think about taking a chance this week. You could play the slots. the stock market or take a chance

#### **SCORPIO**

October 24-November 22 Before the week gets too far along, set aside some funds for the weekend. That way you'll be able to enjoy yourself without the pressure of money worries. Think about something special you could do for someone near and dear to you.

#### **SAGITTARIUS** November 23-December 21

This is the week you should look before you leap into anything. Be especially careful not to jump to conclusions concerning things going on behind the scenes at work. Outside of work, be cautious about taking on more because it may spread you too thin.

#### **CAPRICORN** December 22-January 20

Put your family first this week. A difficult situation will make things stressful for family members. Be there for them. Take a step back and a long look at your financial situation. It may be time to start thinking about professional advice for help on your finances.

#### **AQUARIUS** January 21-February 18

Spring fever may be in the air but be careful about going off the deep end. Don't make light of things at work; it could work against you when you go for a promotion. Be sure not to take a longstanding relationship for granted. Put some effort into it.

#### February 19-March 20

With that big project wrapping up at work, it's up to you to make sure you ge credit for all your hard work. Start by writing a report on what you did and how it helped the project. Document everything. Don't become impatient concerning situations at home.

#### For Entertainment Purposes Only

# RECIPE OF THE WEEK

#### EGG MINI-CASSEROLE

1 sl. bread, buttered and cubed 1/2 c. frozen southern style

#### hash brown potatoes 1 egg

2 T. milk dash salt & pepper 2 T. Shredded or cubed mild American or process cheese Crumbled cooked bacon (optional)

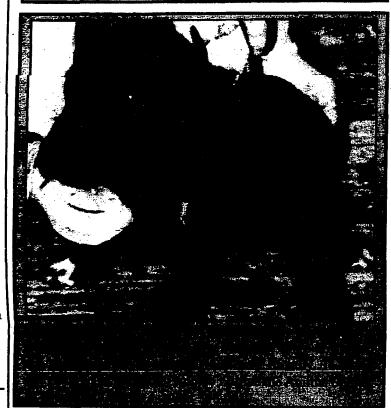
- 1. Place bread in microwaveable cereal bowl. Set aside.
- 2. Microwave potatoes at HIGH (100%) about 1 minute or until thawed and warm. Set aside.
- 3. Combine egg, milk, salt and pepper, beating slightly. Pour over bread. Top with hash brown potatoes. Sprinkle with

chéese.

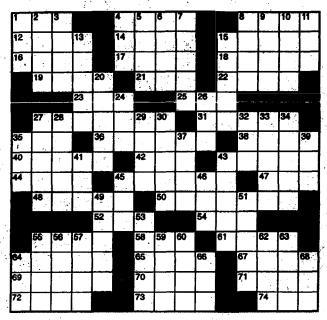
4. Microwave at MEDIUM (50%) for 4 minutes or until set. Top with crumbled bacon, if desired. Let stand 5 minutes before serving. 1-serving Nutrition Information: Calories

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#### LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

#### 23 YEARS AGO March 20, 1975

Gary Calkins, March of Dimes Co-Chairman reports first week high games and high series for the annual bowling tournament. For the Men Ralph Helsel is high with a 257 game with handicap and Russ Mudge with a 654 series. For the women Donna Bielski is high with a 237 game and Margie Harwood is high with a 646 series. After the first week we have collected almost \$300.

Youth For Understanding exchange program will be sending Diane Stephan to Germany, Tom Feldhauser to Brazil and Jerri Jones to Sweden for the summer.

Guest of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Wert the weekend before last were their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Wert of Jackson and their nephew and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Wert, of Moshierville.

Lynn Akers of CMU arrived home last Friday to spend her spring break with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Akers.

#### **46 YEARS AGO** March 20, 1952

For the second time in little over four years, Spike's Keg O'Nails was completely razed by flames in a fire that broke out about 9:30 p.m. last Wednesday night. The blaze was out of control for four hours as the Grayling Fire Department vailantly sought to confine the flames. The tavern and bowling alley, located on U.S. 27 just south of Michigan Ave. in Grayling's business district was a gutted, blackened wreck by the early morning hours of Thursday.

Pfc. Wilfred "Pee Wee" Laurant has finished his basic Marine training in San Diego and arrived home Sunday to visit his father, William Laurant and other relatives. Pee Wee is scheduled to return to

California for further training at the termination of his leave.

A son, Michael John, was born to Mr. and Mrs. John Kucharek of River Rouge on Feb. 22. Mrs. and Holger Petersen won the prizes Kucharek is the former Madeline Straehly, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Straehly.

Calvin Schreiber has completed his basic Marine training in San Diego and returned home Friday to spend a ten day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Schreiber. He is scheduled to go to Camp LeJeune, North Carolina at the termination of his leave.

Pfc. Jack Goss has completed his basic Marine training in San Diego and is enjoying a ten day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Goss. Jack is scheduled to go to Camp LeJeune, North Carolina at the end of his leave where he will attend cooking and baking school.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Smith attended the regional basketball tournament in Petoskey, Wednesday and Friday nights.

#### **69 YEARS AGO** March 21, 1929

The senior class play of Frederic High School was a fine success, both from the merits of the production and from the financial receipts. The program was as follows: Piano solo, "Star of the East" by Rosalie Stammler. In the play, "The Dearest Thing in Boots," were Wallace Payne, Karl Goshorn, Lillian Cline, and Olive Odell.

W. J. Chalker, formerly factory representative for the Chevrolet Motor Car Company, opened a Chevrolet Sales Agency in Center Line early this week.

Hans Petersen once more retires from the office of Village President. Mr. Petersen had been a most faithful public servant: For 16 years he served on the council as trustee and this completes four years service as major.

Wednesday evening Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Joseph were hosts to a number of friends for Mrs. Charles Canfield of Royal Oak. Mrs. Marlus Hanson for bridge. Mrs. C.C. Wescott of Ypsilanti was an out of town guest.

Alva Stephan was the guest of honor at a delightful surprise party given at the home of his sister, Mrs. Harold Skingley, Saturday evening in honor of his birthday.

A miscellaneous shower and farewell party was given for Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Harvey (Marguerite Larson) at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Larson, Saturday evening. The young couple are moving to Detroit after a trip to Florida to visit his mother.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gibbons of Riverview at Mercy Hospital last night, a daughter.

Pansies to be in bloom this early in the spring is quite an unusual thing, but A.B. Failing of Beaver Creek brought in a number of posies in full bloom Saturday. They were from the Hans Peter Jensen farm.

E.J.L. Brash has rented Mrs. N.P. Olson's building next to the opera house and will move his stock from the Goupil house to that place soon.

To celebrate her 12th birthday anniversary, Elaine McDonnell was hostess to seven of her friends last Saturday afternoon.

#### 92 YEARS AGO March 22, 1906

Sheriff Stilwell has bought the interest of J.C. Foreman in the livery business and will go it alone.

Charles Howland went to Lapeer last week but will be back as soon as the frost will let him go at the cement work.

Last week O. Ackerman of Lovells was hit on the nose by a slab at the mill, which makes his nose feel like a barrel.



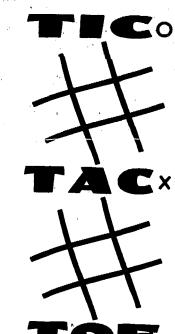
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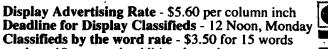
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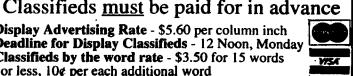
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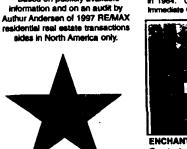
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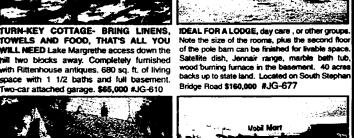
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TURN-KEY COTTAGE- BRING LINENS, hill two blocks away. Completely furnished space with 1 1/2 baths and full basement.



FOUR BEDROOM HOME Grayling Road in Beaver Creek Township. Two car detached garage and cabin included. Nice five acre parcel on paved county maintained road. Septic, furnace, and 4 inch well installed in last five years. \$40,000 #JG-727



**NEW LISTING** Operating gas station/convenience store. Excellent location, on I-75 Business Loop at Exit 254. 35'x70' block/brick building on 140'x220' lot! #JC-709

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JUST COMPLETED THREE BEDROOM 1 1/2 bath, two car garage, natural gas heat, two miles from Grayling, \$85,000. 333 Redwing Terrace. Call 348-2928 348-8945. (10/23/97tf/1)

FOUR BEDROOM HOUSE for sale by owner. 1 3/4 bath, large master bedroom, full basement. screened porch, deck, garage, in Sherwood Forest, \$76,000. Call 348-7794 or 348-5957 for appointment. (-26-2-9/1)

AUSABLE RIVER home on Wendy Lane. Lovely four bedroom, 1 1/2 baths. Chalet, fireplace, attached 1 1/2 car garage. furnished. Beautiful setting on 10 acres with 175 ft. frontage. Owner very anxious. Reduced to \$139,000. Call Hamrick Real Estate Co. P.C. Phone or fax. 517-348-5433, evenings 348-8336. (12/18/97tf/1)

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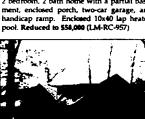


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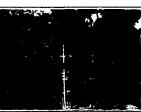




town. Four-bordoom home with garage and swimming pool. Natural gas hot water heat, close to Lake Margrethe. 978,300 Reduced \$74,900 (DL-47)



BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY Carlisle river frontage. Shown by appointment only. \$160,000 (KM-24)



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607 MAPLE ST, is the location on this charmin older home, 3 bedroom 1 3/4 baths, basemen Large kitchen, hardwood floors in dining an



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517 348-6481 or Toll-free 1-800-300-6653

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MOBILE HOME FOR SALE Must be moved, \$3,500 or trade. 517-348-8959. (3/5/98tf/1)

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#### NEWS \$48-6811



#### 2. For Rent

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8106 INSLEY, near Lake Margrethe, two bedroom with att. garage, \$450 monthly, sec. No pets. Call Craig Hinkle, 348-7440 for application. (2/12/98tf/2)

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FOR LEASE AuSable river front house, 7 1/2 miles east of Grayling. Three bedroom, one bath, great room, kitchen and enclosed porch. \$400 first and last months plus \$400 security deposit and utilities. No pets. 348-8466 (3/19/98tf/2)

#### 3. Employment

IMMEDIATE OPENINGS for Home Health Aides in Central 10-12 hour shifts four nights/wk. Day shifts one-two days/week. Other cases may be available. For info or to apply contact: Ellen or Julie, Munson Home Health, Gaylord. (5170 731-2370 or (800) 252-2065. Private Duty Services, 825 North Center, Gaylord, MI 49735. (-

FLOOR COVERING **INSTALLERS NEEDED** for vinyl, hardwood, carpet and ceramic tile. Minimum five years experience, must have own van, tools. workmens comp. Call 517-732-7728 or 517-732-2691. (10/9/97tf/3)

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PART TIME MAINTENANCE PERSON needed for Arbor Court Apartments in Grayling. Must have knowledge of maintenance. Fax resume to 1-906-932-5158. (3/19/98tf/3)

KIRTLAND COMMUNITY COL-LEGE is accepting applications for a part-time instructor to teach developmental reading beginning with the fall, 1998 semester. Bachelor's Degree with major in English or reading teaching experience required; Master's Degree preferred. Interested applicants should submit a letter of appliofficial transcripts to: Kathy Barber, Coordinator of Personnel and Business Services, Kirtland Community College, 10775 N. St. Helen Road, Roscommon, MI 48653. Kirtland Community College is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer. (-19-26/3)

#### 2. For Rent

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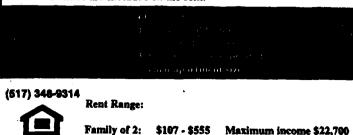
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#### 8. Announcements

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#### 10. Garage Sales

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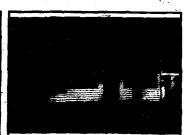
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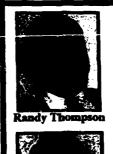
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If you own a home, no matter what's the millions of people who remodel their homes each year. Recent statistics show that homeowners spent \$115 billion in remodeling expenditures in 1994, and 1995 figures indicate a similar amount of spending. The reasons for remodeling are as varied as the projects themselves, but generally we choose to remodel to add comfort, convenience, space and, ultimately, value to our home.

If you are like many other home owners across the country who have undertaken a remodeling project, you and with local building supply had to make many decisions related to the project. Details like what kind of project you want to do, how you will use this space and how much money you are willing to spend must be thought-out and communicated to your contractor to avoid any confusion down finding a remodeler to do your project?

Finding a remodeler who is right for you will take some time and planning, satisfied with the completed project. To begin your search:

• Seek referrals from friends, family, neighbors and co-workers who have

 Contact local trade associations such as your area's local home builders

 Check with your state's licensing agency and local building inspectors its age, sooner or later you may join to verify the remodeler has the appropriate license (s).

> When you begin to interview a remodeler, keep in mind that you are buying a service rather than a product. The quality of service the remodeler provides will determine the quality of the finished project and your satisfaction with it. Take a look at the remodeler's business and management experience.

Does the remodeler have a trustworthy reputation in the community, with previous customers companies?

• Does the remodeler carry insurance that protects you from claims arising from property damage or jobsite injuries?

Is the remodeler an active participant in a trade organization such the road. So how did you go about as the Remodelors Council of the National Association of Home Builders? Membership in the Remodelors Council indicates a but it is worth the effort when you are remodeler's commitment to professional-quality construction that meets or exceeds industry standards and practices.

• Is the remodeler accredited in a had remodeling work done and ask certification program such as the them if they would hire the remodeler Certified Graduate Remodelor (CGR) program? Remodelers bearing the CGR credentials indicate that they have met a prescribed set of educational requirements and follow a strict code of business and professional ethics.

In addition to business and management experience, look at the remodeler's construction and technical expertise, customer service and communication skills.

• Does the remodeler have a working knowledge of the may types of homes in your area?

Does the remodeler offer an array of options for your project thus demonstrating a knowledge of and experience with a variety of products, materials and techniques?

• Does the remodeler listen to you and understand your needs and wants with the project?

Will the remodeler provide you with scheduled updates so that you can make appropriate decisions and prepare for any inconvenience.

Finding a remodeler who is right for you is not as simple as picking up the yellow pages of your phone book. It takes time to interview and select a contractor who will best suit your needs and the needs of your project. To help you in this search, the National Association of Home Builders

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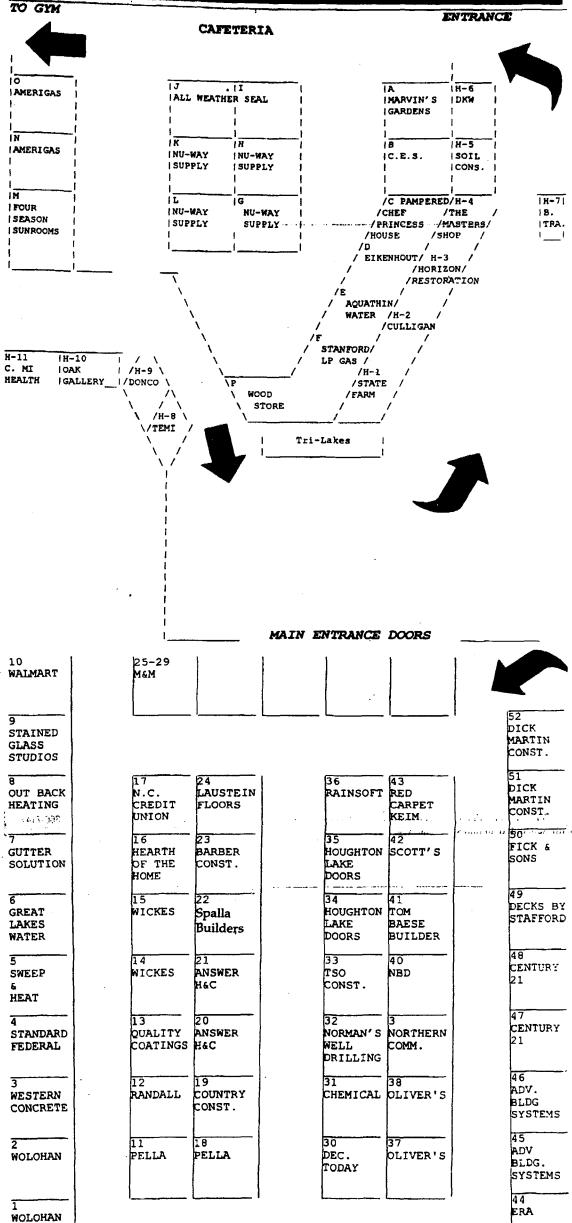
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But indoor air pollution is a risk that you can do something about. Take a moment to familiarize vourself with some common indoor environmental problems and with some simple steps you can take to protect your family.

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#### 1-Bedroom

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#### 2-Bathroom

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#### 3-All Rooms

Animals (dander, hair, feathers or skin): Clean house regularly.

Tobacco smoke (from cigarette, pipe and cigar smoking): Do not smoke in your home or permit others to do so (especially near children). If smoking cannot be avoided, open windows or use exhaust fans.

House dust mites: Clean house and vacuum regularly. Wash bedding in hot water. Keep humidity and moisture to a minimum.

#### 4-Kitchen

Household cleansers: Open windows when using household cleaners. Use according to manufacturer's directions. Cooking and dishwasher use: To reduce moisture, install and use a fan that vents to the outside.

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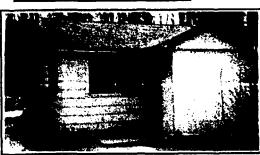
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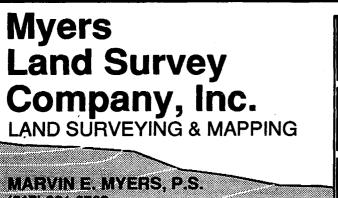
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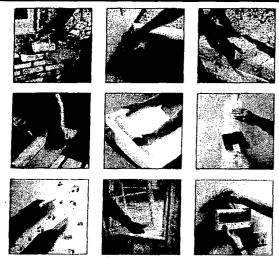
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The solar energy your house collects Windows can have an important must pass through the windows, so effect on energy bills. Southern they must be kept clean. If the house windows act as solar collectors that has large areas of glass that are hard to you can control by opening or closing reach, a long-handled window cleaner draperies, curtains, blinds or movable with a sponge on one side and a insulation. In cold weather, southern squeegee on the other makes cleaning

If a problem with glare develops,

amount of heat a room holds. Light Some people find they are colors reflect light and heat, and darker uncomfortable in southern rooms at colors absorb them. So if you want to night, even if the temperature is 70 keep more heat in your rooms, the degrees or more because body heat walls should be painted a darker color. can interact with cold outside air If you want a cooler room, the walls radiating through the window. The should be painted a lighter shade. And, problem can be solved with drapes or if you have a masonry fireplace wall curtains. With these in place, body that is supposed to catch the sunlight heat interacts with the temperature of and store its heat, avoid painting it a the fabric rather than the cold outside light color. The ceiling should be air. Drapes and curtains help reduce painted a light color so the solar energy

energy. These dark storage materials white, bright or light colors.

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allowed to absorb the solar energy level everywhere. with heavy carpeting. Small scatter more comfortable in your home.

fabric and windows if the drapes and on darker colored walls, furniture, rugs are fine. Light-colored heavy

During warm weather, you can feel do not have to be black, but darker comfortable without air-conditioning shades are better solar absorbers than if there is a cool breeze. your home may be designed to provide good air If stone, tile or concrete floor flow with or without a mechanical fan. sections are bathed in sunshine, they Having the air flow over the occupants are storing solar energy for later use. of the house is more important than Covering these floor areas with carpet airing out the entire house. Open the converts the sunlight into instant heat windows in the living room around and fades the rug. The instant heat is dinner-time and the bedrooms later in strongest in the middle of the day the evening. having all of the windows when it is least needed. If the floor is wide open often reduces the comfort

during the day, it will release the energy By becoming actively involved in in the evening when outside air is managing the energy usage in your colder and the house needs the heat. home, you can realize important Avoid covering floors near windows savings on your fuel bills and feel

# 10 Most Frequent House Problems

Everything looks prettier in the Spring, and so, traditionally, home sales shift into high gear just about the same time as the daffodils start to bloom. But home buyers should be careful not to be taken in by a pretty face in the form of a fresh coat of paint or a new azalea bush.

Since no home is perfect, home buyers would be wise to learn where and how to look beyond the cosmetics for possible signs of problems with their prospective purchase.

Failure to do so before they buy could mean any number of unpleasant surprises after the move. Experts recommend hiring and accompanying a professional home inspector on a pre-purchase examination of the home's structural and mechanical condition. (See 'How to Find a Home Inspector.") While this won't guarantee a perfect home, or even that problems won't develop sometime in the future, it will greatly reduce the risk, and it will provide a valuable education in the process.

In the most recent survey of its members, the American Society of Home Inspectors (ASHI) compiled a list of the most frequently found problems in homes. It is significant that within this list of ten problem categories, at least four are directly related to the damaging effects of water. Apparently, keeping water out, after a home is built, is the home owner's most important, and continually challenging, task.

It should be noted that this list represents a national average. Regional climates, building codes, and the age of a home played a significant role in the ASHI findings.

#### 1. Improper Surface Grading/

This was by far the most frequently found problem, reported by 35.8% of the home inspectors surveyed. It is responsible for the most common of household maladies: water penetration of the basement or crawlspace. The most effective remedies for wet basements include regrading the ground away from the house and repairing or installing a new system of roof gutters and downspouts.

#### 2. Improper Electrical Wiring

A significant number (19.9%) chose this item as the most common home defect, which includes such situations as insufficient electrical service to the house, inadequate overload protection, and amateur, often dangerous, wiring connections. Some home inspectors said that 70% to 80% of the electrical wiring they see is done wrong, and that most of it is attributable to do-ityourselfers. This is a serious safety hazard, not just a cosmetic defect.

#### 3. Roof Damage

Although reported by only 8.5% of the home inspectors as the most common problem, roof leakage, caused by old or damaged shingles, or improper flashing, was considered by ASHI members to be a frequent problem. Shingle repairs can be easily and inexpensively done, but shingles near the end of their life span may mean a major reroofing expense.

#### 4. Heating Systems

Problems in this category include broken or malfunctioning operation controls, blocked chimneys, and unsafe



According to the American Society of Home Inspectors, at least four of the top ten house problems are directly related to the damaging effects of water.

exhaust disposal. These conditions represent more than simply inefficient heating, they are health and safety hazards. Heating systems should be serviced and maintained annually by a professional, according to the manufacturer's instructions.

#### 5. Poor Overall Maintenance

Americans take better care of their cars than they do their homes, say home inspectors, who often come across cracked, peeling, or dirty painted surfaces, crumbling masonry, makeshift wiring or plumbing, and broken fixtures or appliances. Although some of these problems may seem more cosmetic than serious, they reflect the overall lack of care which has been given to the home.

#### 6. Structurally Related Problems

As a result of problems in one or more of the other categories, many houses sustain some, although usually not serious, damage to structural components such as foundation walls, floor joists, rafters, or window and door headers.

#### 7. Plumbing

Though never ranked by the home inspectors as a Number One problem, plumbing defects still ranked high among the house problems encountered, and included the existence of old or incompatible piping materials, as well as faulty fixtures and waste lines. Surprisingly, some home inspectors reported finding natural gas leaks in as many as one out of three homes inspected.

Flaws in a home's exterior, including windows, doors, and wall surfaces, are responsible for the discomfort caused by water and air penetration, but they rarely have structural significance. Inadequate caulking and/or weatherstripping are the most common

#### 9. Poor Ventilation

Perhaps due to overly ambitious efforts to save energy, many home owners have "over-sealed" their homes, resulting in excessive interior moisture. This can cause rotting and premature failure of both structural and non-structural elements. It can also lead to tremendous mold accumulation, which often causes allergic reactions.

#### 10. Miscellaneous

This category included various interior components, such as sticky windows or dripping faucets, as well as a number of environmental concerns, such as lead-based paint and asbestos.

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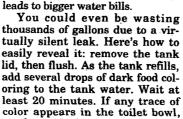
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#### (NAPS)-It often starts with a gurgle that won't stop until you jiggle the handle. But that won't truly fix a sneaky but wasteful leak that

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Why not tackle the troublesome toilet now, during National Toilet Repair Month?

you have a leak.

Toilet tank leaks are America's most common household plumbing repair according to Fluidmaster, the world's leading repair parts manufacturer. They say too many homeowners settle for a quick fix when they would benefit far more from a toilet "tune-up."

With little effort, non-professionals can perform a toilet tuneup by installing a new fill valve, flapper, tank lever/handle and



If your toilet won't shut off until you jiggle the handle, you have a wasteful leak.

water supply connector. It takes just over an hour and uses four replacement parts found in almost any hardware store or home center for a total cost of \$20 or less.

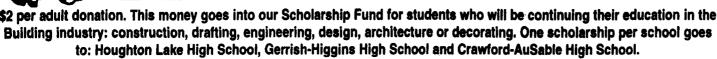
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# Decks: America's favorite do-it-yourself project

by Robert Brotebeck, President Home Builders Tri-Lakes Association

Thinking of adding a deck to your new home? You're certainly not alone. Decks are America's most popular do-it-yourself home improvement

What is it about decks that appeal to American home owners? Being off the ground, away from grass and bugs. Americans like to have a place for the barbecue grill that's convenient to the house, comfortable and removed from the lawn. Plus, decks are a favorite spot for sunning and outdoor entertaining.

About 1.5 million decks are built or remodeled each year, according to the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB). The average life of a typical deck is 12 years. Decks are not only found in the Sunbelt and the West where they can be used yearround, but also in northern states where they can be used for just a few months a year.

In a recent survey conducted by NAHB on consumer preferences, 83 percent of potential new home buyers surveyed said they would like their new home to have a deck off the back of the house, including 29 percent who said a deck was "essential." Just four percent said they did not want a deck.

Decks are offered as an option by home builders on most new homes. Typically, they're a standard item only in luxury homes. But, most new home buyers pass up the builders' offer of a



buy a new home, one of the first handy enough to tackle the job themselves; the other one-third have the deck built professionally.

significant. A typical deck costs about \$20 asquare foot if a decking contractor or other professional is hired; so-it-

deck and build it themselves instead. yourselfers pay about \$8 a square foot. According to NAHB, when people Today, with most lumber yards offering expert design assistance and projects they want to undertake is even pre-cut lumber packages for adding a deck. About two-thirds of decks, it's a project that can be new homeowners consider themselves completed by the average home owner with few complications.

Over the past couple of decades, the design of decks has changed The do-it-yourself savings can be significantly. Decks once were a simple rectangle or square with no extras. Today's decks come in all

hanging baskets of flowers.

Most decks are built off the rear of the house. However, there is an emerging trend of putting the deck in the front of the home, especially by home owners who live on cul-de-sacs. In the front of the house, the deck acts more like a front porch.

With all of the advantages and conveniences offered by a deck, and the fact that help is right down the block at the local lumber yard, it's no shapes and sizes and typically include surprise that decks are one of home benches, planter boxes and posts for owners' most desired amenities.

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#### Wet wood won't work... keep decking dry

(NAPS)-Sipping a cool beverage with your feet up, watching the grass grow, the kids play, soaking in the hot tub-surveying all the splendor that is summer, spring, fall or winter.

A deck or porch is a welcome entertainment addition to every home. A deck or porch increases the living space of your home and provides for hours of outdoor enjoyment. The incredible variety of designs available for the home is so enormous you can have exactly the look and lavout to suit your family's needs. But building your own deck requires careful thought, the proper tools, design

When building a porch or deck

floor, letting your wood get wet is an idea that's all wet. All woods shrink as they dry and swell when they absorb moisture. Problems, such as checking, buckling, splitting and rail popping are the result of the dimensional changes in wood caused by moisture.

Even though pressure-treated wood is protected against termites and decay, it is subject to moisture change. You can prevent many of these moisture problems with proper construction techniques.

First, store the pressure-treated wood properly prior to use. Make sure you protect the pressure-tredted wood from moisture, sun, and other elements which might cause uneven

Avoid direct contact with the ground. Loosen any tightly wrapped covers which may trap moisture in the wood.

Second, it is important that you do not exceed recommended spans or leave long overhangs. Space the floor joists no farther than 16" on center. Use enough nails or screws to secure the wood and reduce warping. Three nails should be used across two by six decking. And use non-corrosive fasteners-a top quality hot-dipped. galvanized, aluminum or stainless steel fastener.

Third, water repellent coatings help keep pressure-treated wood from absorbing moisture and tend to stabilize the moisture content. Follow the manufacturer's instructions. Water repellent should be reapplied every one to two years for adequate moisture protection. If you purchased pressuretreated wood with built-in repellent, you can skip the initial application.

Following these simple steps will ensure that your pressure-treated wood decking lasts and looks great!

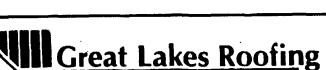
# HINTS FOR HOMEOWNERS

#### For Deck Repairs: Use Your Head, Lose A Head

(NAPS)-Nails and screws need not rear their ugly heads on your outdoor deck. Ordinarily, the expansion and contraction due to weathering pushes the head of the leck nail up above the level of the boards. This weakens the connection between the joist and the deck board, mars the appearance of the deck and makes it a potentially uncomfortable, even dangerous place to be.

Fortunately, you can now get a screw fastener with seven times the grip of a nail and no unsightly head.

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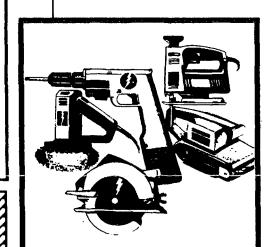


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# The emotional effects of color

(NAPS)-Feeling blue? How about red, green or orange? Whether or not we realize it, we all are affected emotionally by the colors that surround us. Even at home, the colors we choose reflect our feelings and personalities. Colors also influence us and those who share our homes.

Color researchers have found that when test subjects are placed in red rooms, their pulses and body temperatures increase; when the same individuals are placed in blue rooms, the opposite occurs. Other experiments have shown that violence among inmates was reduced when prison walls were painted pink, and that children in red classrooms were more hyperactive than their peers whose classrooms were painted blue.

"Because we see colors with our hearts, not our heads, they have the power to put us in a variety of moods." says Margi Daniels, ASID, La-Z-Boy design consultant. "So, when choosing colors for your home, choose wisely, according to a room's function and how certain colors make you and your family feel."

Following are the emotional and psychological influences of some of today's most popular color families. Use this information as a guide to determine the colors that are the best for your home.

Red: Reds stimulate our nervous systems and increase assertiveness. They make us feel empowered and energetic; thus, reds are ideal for areas where physical activity will take place. such as a play area or workout room. Have trouble getting up in the morning? Paint the bedrooms red. Chances are you will bolt out of bed.

Orange: Like reds, orange hues are stimulating. Both color families tend to increase the appetite, which is why they're'so often used in restaurant interiors. People also laugh more and are more gregarious in the presence of orange. Dinner parties will last longer and seem more interesting in a coral or light orange dining room.

Yellow: Yellows remind us of sunshine. They can make a dark room seem bright and more cheerful. Used in a small room, yellow seems to visually expand the space.

Green: Greens remind us of gardens. fields and forests. Surrounded by them, we feel calm and refreshed. Their relaxing influence makes greens welcome in bedrooms, bathrooms and other areas where peace and tranquility are desired. Greens also help bring nature indoors, making a hot, sunny room seem cooler action एउटा का उन्हों कर

Pink: Pinks give us a sense of wellbeing and make us feel affectionate. congenial and positively disposed towards others. No longer relegated to little girls' bedrooms, pink and its relatives rose, mauve and blush have become popular choices for today's social areas, such as living rooms, dining

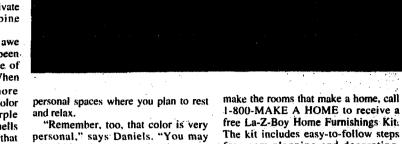
rooms and dens. Brown: Symbolizing "down to earth," brown stabilizes, secures and supports. Browns, including beiges and taupes, are perfect for neutral territories of the home, such as kitchens or baths. They bridge together rooms, other colors and moods. They neither activate nor pacify; they blend, combine and cooperate.

Purple: This regal color inspires awe and respect. Because it has long been worn by clergy, it takes someone of high esteem to use it at home. When made lighter, it becomes more comfortable and assuring. A great color for an insomniac's bedroom, purple helps lower blood pressure and quells those conversations with yourself that prevent you from sleeping.

Blue: The favorite color of most Americans, blue makes us think of clear skies and placid lakes. Like green, its psychological effects are calming and soothing, so it, too, is appropriate for

"Remember, too, that color is very personal," says Daniels. "You may adore blue for its serenity, but your spouse may find it cold. Finding out how certain hues make you and your family feel is crucial to determining how best to color your world at home." For more information on how to

for room planning and decorating, product information, definitions of common home furnishings terms, and a grid and ready-made furniture templates so you can develop your own



# Color is Key to Home Decorating

What's a great way to perk up a tired-looking room or give a sense of schemes. serenity to a room that's always full of chaos? Color! The right color scheme in a room can create an atmosphere that suits your particular lifestyles

"When decorating a room, one of the first steps is to establish a color scheme" says Margi Daniels, ASID, La-Z-Boy design consultant. "And it doesn't take an interior designer to combine colors that will bring out the best in your home. With a little design know-how, selecting and coordinating colors can be easy.'

A handy tool any do-it-yourself decorator can use to simplify the color selection process is a "color wheel" available at your local art supply store. Invented in the 17th century by Sir Isaac Newton and still widely used throughout the interior design industry today, the color wheel incorporates the spectrum of colors into an easy-touse wheel form, helping designers and consumers alike create well-balanced

as well as aesthetically pleasing color

According to Daniels, there are four basic color schemes derived from the color wheel that can act as simple guidelines when decorating your

#### Triadic

Triadic color schemes are developed using any three colors that are equidistant from each other on the color wheel. When combined correctly, red, yellow and blue tones, for example, can be especially dramatic and beautiful.

**Monochromatic Color Scheme** A monochromatic color scheme uses one color only, incorporating degrees of lightness and darkness (or value) of that color for variety. With a monochromatic color scheme, textural fabrics on upholstered furniture can be used to add depth and richness to a room. This scheme works the most effectively in small rooms.

Adjacent or "Related" Color Scheme

Consider these legal issues

when hiring remodeling help

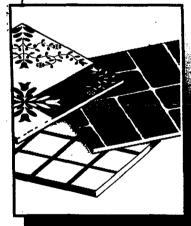
An Adjacent or "related" color scheme comprises three colors that are next to each other on the color wheel and have a common color denominator such as blue, blue-green and green. Daniels advises, "This scheme works well in any room of the home and tends to be the most fool

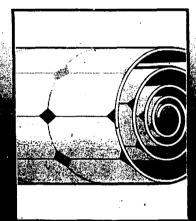
**Complementary Color Scheme** A complementary color scheme

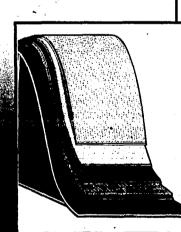
pairs two colors directly opposite one another on the color wheel, such as yellow and purple. For this type of color combination to work best, it is important to allow one color to dominate while the other serves as a contrast.

"There really is no need to be intimidated by color when decorating your home," said Daniels. "By using the right tools and following these simple guidelines, you will be able to combine colors that evoke the right mood and create an atmosphere that not only complements but enhances the activity or function of your room."

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# Add year-round lighting to home improvement plan

With the return of warm weather, many people begin making plans to improve and beautify their homes. This year, consider improvements that will benefit your family year-round, especially when the darkness of winter inevitably returns. Adding more windows, skylights or a solarium will brighten up your home when you need it the most.

When winter sets in, many people begin to experience mood changes similar to symptoms of depression. For some, weight gain, lack of energy, tendency to oversleep and irritability all begin to manifest shortly after setting the clocks back to standard time.

This condition, known as Seasonal Affective Disorder, now can be treated with light therapy, which researchers have proven can help brighten moods and give back vitality during the long months of winter.

Of the roughly 35 million adults and children in the United States who develop SAD each year, the majority exhibit relatively mild symptoms that can be treated by simply adding a little more light to their immediate environments, according to the National Institute of Mental Health.

For mild sufferers, installing a window to open up a dark room or adding a skylight to an area where the whole family will benefit can be an excellent way to combat SAD. Skylights can flood a room with up to five times more light than a traditional wall window, while specialty windows are available in a variety of sizes and shapes, that can capture the optimum light for the room's design. Researchers also have found it is not the kind of light that has proven effective in treating SAD but rather the intensity of the light.

The recommended treatments for mild symptoms of SAD consist of daily interaction of light with the eyes at levels ranging from 2,500 lux (a measure of brightness) to 10,000 lux. The maximum recommended amount of exposure is 10,000 lux, which is about the same brightness as a cloudy mid-day in Alaska, according to a national SAD support group.

In other words, just being near a window during daylight while reading, working or talking on the phone can improve the way many people feel in the winter. And because the entire retina responds to light therapy - it isn't necessary to stare at the light - simply face it so light falls on the retina, the support group says. Light helps regulate brain chemistry by controlling the levels of serotonin and melatonin the brain produces. Inadequate production of these chemicals can lead to depression, the in-

# All Furnaces **Need Check-ups**

All heating systems should be serviced periodically by a qualified contractor to ensure top performance, according to the American Gas Association. Such maintenance will ensure safe and efficient operation.

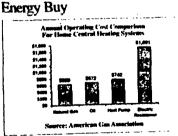
Heating contractors should follow the manufacturer's maintenance guidelines for each unit in accordance with local building codes and regulations, A.G A. says.

The check-up should include:

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- other obstructions from inside the
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#### Don't Sacrifice Light For Warmth

The introduction of more windows into your home doesn't necessarily mean you'll feel better emotionally but shiver all winter.

"You can brighten up your home and beautify it, while staying warm and energy efficient," said Kevin Zuege, director of technical services for TruSeal Technologies Inc., a Beachwood, Ohiobased window sealant manufacturer. And because windows are available in numerous styles, Zuege offers some basic information to help make choosing the right windows easier.

Be sure to look for windows or skylights constructed with a low U-Value, which measures heat transfer, he advises. A U-Value of .40 is considered excellent, while .80 or higher means poor thermal performance. Also, make sure the U-Value was determined by the National Fenestration Rating Council, which has standardized the ratings.

It also is important to choose the type of window that provides the highest energy efficiency for the area in your home that needs brightened. Hinged windows can be the most tightly shut with a good compression seal, while horizontally and vertically sliding windows frequently require weather-stripping, Zuege says. However, a vertically hung unit that is fixed on top with an operable single hung lower pane is more energy efficient than double hung.

Window frames are made from wood, aluminum or vinyl, or from wood that is clad in aluminum or vinyl. Although solid wood is a reasonable energy-saving material, it is more costly and requires more maintenance than other materials.

Aluminum is low-maintenance and durable but is not energy efficient unless it has well-designed thermal breaks to prevent condensation and frost formation. Solid vinyl frames are excellent insulators but those reinforced with metal can be less energy efficient. It may be a good idea to discuss the various kinds of frames other homeowners have found the most successful before choosing a framing material.

Most windows are made with two sealed panes of glass, which provide the best insulation if the space is about 5/8inch apart and filled with an inert gas, such as Argon or Krypton, Zuege says.

One of the most important components of any window is its edge spacer, which all dual- and triple-pane windows are constructed with to reduce heat loss around the window's edges. "It is important to note that the edge spacer material can mean the difference between a cold window edge and one that is wellinsulated," he says.

Some window manufacturers use conventional aluminum spacers filled with desiccant, a moisture-absorbing material that helps prevent condensation between the panes. However, because metal conducts heat, aluminum spacers lower the insulating ability of the window.

As a result, warm-edge spacers are gaining popularity, prompting many manufacturers to abandon aluminum spacers. The Swiggle® Seal spacer, the most widely used warm-edge system, is manufactured by TruSeal Technologies.

Constructed of a wafer-thin, corrugated metal strip embedded in black butyl sealant. Swiggle Seal is manufactured using moisture sealing, heat resistant polymers that reduce the flow of heat from around the window and increase its energy efficiency by up to 10 percent. Swiggle Seal also contains desiccant to prevent condensation between the panes, ultimately extending the life

of the window. A window constructed with Swiggle Seal will be 9 degrees warmer and accumulate 80 percent less condensation than an identical window with an aluminum spacer, Zuege says.

Moreover, warm-edge spacers reduce or eliminate the frost band along the window that condensation creates with coldedge windows. "Warm-edge spacers allow the full, clear vision the window is intended to provide at the same time it is keeping the room warmer," Zuege says. This is especially important for SAD sufferers who wish to spend time near a window in winter maximum light imput.

Be sure to discuss the subject of energy-efficient spacers with your builder or remodeler. While many manufacturers prefer aluminum spacers because they cost less, remember they are the least energy efficient.

Energy efficiency is also a consideration when installing specialty windows high on a wall or skylights on the ceiling to gain the maximum light to help alleviate symptoms of SAD. Because warm air rises, your specialty windows or skylights should be constructed of the most energy-efficient materials available, Zuege says.

Also, to bring the most light into your rooms during winter, it is advisable to install windows at the home's southern exposure, he says. If your home has overhangs to block out the sun's rays in summer, be sure to position additional wall windows lower to capture the winter sun, which is lower on the horizon.

When installing a solarium, it might be wise to add heating ducts to the room's design to allow year-round use, Zuege says. Many solariums and windowed additions are built for three-season use. However, for those suffering from SAD, such open rooms would provide the most benefit during winter.

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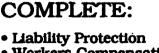
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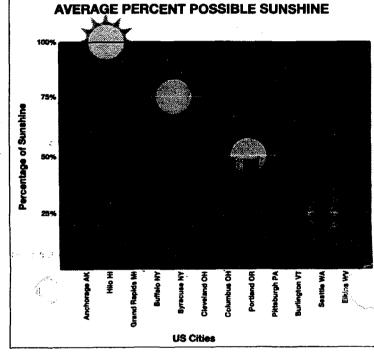




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# Carbon Monoxide Detector Standards Tightened

An increasing number of false alarms triggered by household carbon monoxide detectors have imposed sigsponse personnel in recent years. In most (90 percent) of the carbon monoxide calls reported to utilities and fire departments in 1995 and 1996, no carbon monoxide or levels too low to affect the average person were found, according to the American Gas Association (A.G.A.) and the Gas Research Institute, which conducted the study.

In response, a respected laboratory that certifies natural gas appliances -International Approval Service, formerly the A.G.A. Laboratories - has tightened its standards for testing and certifying new carbon monoxide detectors. Before these devices can bear the A.G.A. Blue Star seal, they must meet several new requirements.

New IAS-certified carbon monoxide (CO) alarms will not sound if the level of CO detected is only at a "nuisance" level, which can be caused by a car starting up in an attached garage or by elevated outdoor levels of CO. In addition, instructions will clearly tell consumers who hear an alarm to evacuate the premises and call an emergency response unit.

These improvements should raise consumers' confidence in the reliabil-



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ity of carbon monoxide alarms and prevent human and economic resources from being wasted on false alarms, the testing facility believes.

According to National Safety Council statistics, consumers are more likely to die from a falling object, drowning in a bathtub or inhaling or ingesting food than from CO poisoning. Nonetheless, A.G.A. emphasizes that consumers should help prevent CO incidents in the home by ensuring that home appliances and equipment are installed, maintained and used properly. An annual inspection of heating equipment and venting by a qualified technician is recommended. A.G.A. says, with installation of a CO alarm as an additional safeguard.



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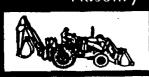
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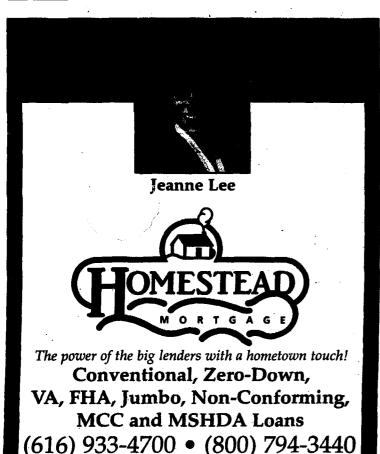
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#### The advantages home ownership new

by Robert Brotebeck, President Tri-Lakes Home Builders Association

Shopping for a home involves a lot of decisions. Should you buy a singlefamily detached home, a townhouse. or a condominium apartment? Do you want to live in the city or the suburbs? How many bathrooms and bedrooms do you need? Another key question involves whether you should buy a new or an existing home. New homes cost more on average, but they have numerous advantages.

Tastes and needs of homeowners change over time. Successful builders study changes in consumer lifestyles and work with skilled design professional and architects to incorporate features into their new homes which accommodate the changes. Houses built in the 1960s catered to the needs of a people in the 1960s. At the time, a much smaller percentage of couples had two wage earners, while households were likely to have a larger average number of children. In the 1990s, household sizes have fallen, and there are more two-income families.

To accommodate the needs of a 1990s household, a house might need two bathrooms off the master bedroom or a bathroom with two sinks to allow both members of the couple to get ready for work at the same time. Fewer number of children might mean that the house should have fewer rooms, but each room can be larger. Space that previously was devoted to a large living room may now be used for a special purpose room, such as a play room, a home office, or a media room

for the stereo system and/or television. Many features of today's new homes were either rare or unheard of a few decades ago. In the mid-1960s, there were no home computers. There were no VCRs. There were no microwave ovens. Central air conditioning was very uncommon.

Houses built in that period have far fewer electrical outlets, because there were fewer devices to plug in. Houses today can be wired for the needs of the 21st Century — the extra telephone lines for you computer, special wiring for security systems, and a wiring system to accommodate all of the appliances and equipment you may want to install. Trying to retrofit older homes to accommodate these increasing wiring needs can be expensive and difficult.

Do you remember when gasoline cost 29 cents a gallon in the 60s? Since then, energy prices risen considerably, as have concerns about energy efficiency. As we are about to enter the 21st Century, houses are being built with much better insulation as well as more energy-efficient heating and cooling systems. Drafty houses and inefficient heating and cooling systems can put a big dent in your pocketbook, especially during peak heating and cooling periods.

Windows are another factor which affect both energy costs and personal safety. Modern windows allow builders to achieve a high level of energy efficiency without sacrificing aesthetic appeal. Modern windows also include safety glass in critical areas to reduce the risk of accident.

Kitchens have changed considerably over the past twenty years. They contain newer, more energy efficient appliances which offer numerous convenient features. Today's kitchens are more likely to have built-in microwaves and self cleaning ovens. The cost of having to replace or upgrade appliances should be factored into the price of any existing home being considered for purchase.

The appliances and goods within a new house come covered with manufacturers' warranties which afford buyers important protections. New homes also come with builder warranties on workmanship and materials., Most states give home buyers additional legal protections under implied warranties, which are based on either state statues or precedents from lawsuits filed in the states. In many states, these protections may apply only to original purchasers of a home and not to subsequent

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# Ten Energy-Saving Ideas

Using energy wisely can reduce consumption and save money on utility bills, according to the American Gas Association. Here are some tips:

1. Seal leaks around doors, windows and other openings, such as pipes or

ducts — with caulking or weather-stripping. lower when sleeping, and at 58 degrees when away from home for more than a few hours. (Warmer temperatures are recommended for homes with ill or elderly per-

sons or infants.) 3.Set water heater temperatures at 140 degrees (at 120 degrees in homes with infants or elderly persons to guard against accidental scalding), and install waterflow restrictors in showerheads and faucets.

4. Change filters or clean the filters in heating and cooling units twice a year. Close vents and doors in unused rooms. If pipes or ducts run through unheated areas, insulate them. 5. Use drapes, shutters, awnings, shade trees, glass with reflective film or solar

screens to keep sunlight out in the summer and let it in during the winter. 6. Check to see if attic and basement (or crawl space) have the recommended level of insulation.

7.If you have a woodburning fireplace, consider installing a natural gas fireplace insert, which can save on energy costs compared with wood. A gas fireplace also will dramatically reduce the air pollution created from burning wood. 8. Consider storm or thermal windows and doors or double paned glass. A less-

expensive alternative is plastic sheeting, which can be temporarily fastened over doors and windows to retain heat or air conditioning 9. Be sure that dishwashers, washing machines and clothes dryers are fully loaded

10. When buying new appliances, compare energy efficiency ratings and annual operating costs. A slightly higher initial cost for a high-efficiency appliance could pay itself back in a very short time through energy savings and lower utility bills. Many natural gas utilities offer assistance and special programs designed to help consumers reduce their energy bills. Contact your local gas utility for more



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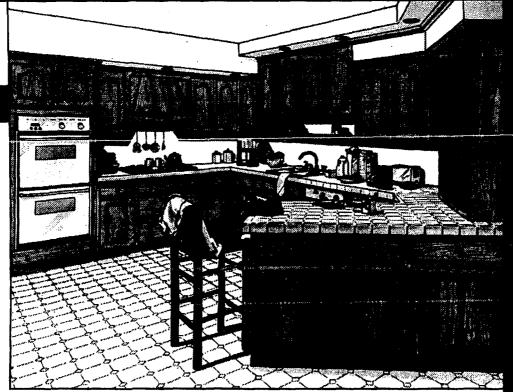
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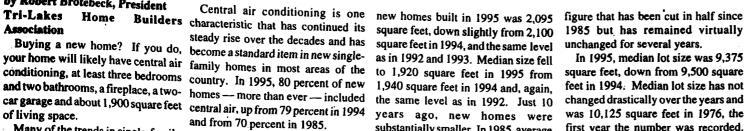
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your home will likely have central air family homes in most areas of the conditioning, at least three bedrooms country. In 1995, 80 percent of new and two bathrooms, a fireplace, a two-homes — more than ever — included car garage and about 1,900 square feet central air, up from 79 percent in 1994 of living space.

Many of the trends in single-family homes tracked by the U.S. Census had at least 2 1/2 bathrooms, down 1 Bureau and analyzed by the National percentage point from 1994 and the Association of Home Builders same as in 1993. But, 10 years ago, built last year had more than 2,400 remained the same in 1995 or increased just 29 percent of the new single-square feet. This trend has leveled off or decreased only slightly from 1994. family homes had 2 1/2 or more and has remained relatively the same However, measured against the 1980s, bathrooms. for example, the long-term trends in housing are clear - more space, more rooms and more amenities.



In 1995, 48 percent of new homes

The size of new single-family homes

square feet, down slightly from 2,100 square feet in 1994, and the same level as in 1992 and 1993. Median size fell to 1,920 square feet in 1995 from 1,940 square feet in 1994 and, again, the same level as in 1992. Just 10 years ago, new homes were substantially smaller. In 1985, average size was 1,785 square feet and median size was 1,660 square feet.

since 1990. The number of small homes being built has also steadied. built last year dipped slightly and may Just 10 percent of new homes built last

1985 but has remained virtually unchanged for several years.

In 1995, median lot size was 9,375 square feet, down from 9,500 square feet in 1994. Median lot size has not changed drastically over the years and was 10,125 square feet in 1976, the first year the number was recorded. Average lot sizes moves more erratically but has moved down fairly steadily over the years. Average lot size peaked in 1978 at 18,760 square feet. It rose slightly last year to 13,665 square feet from 13,645 square feet in

The number of homes built with four or more bedrooms may also have peaked. In 1995, 30 percent of new homes had at least four bedrooms, unchanged from the previous two years. In 1985, 18 percent of new homes had four bedrooms.

One amenity that hasn't changed much in the past 10 years is fireplaces. Since 1986, the percentage of new homes with at least one fireplace has bounced between 62 percent and 66 percent, last year 63 percent of new homes had a fireplace.

The prevalence of two-car garages has grown significantly since 1985, but little in the last few years. In 1985, 55 percent of new homes included a garage for at least two cars; in 1995, 76 percent of new homes had at least a two-car garage, down from a high 78 percent in 1994. The appearance of basements has also changed little recently; in 1995, 39 percent of new homes had a full or partial basement, unchanged from 1994.

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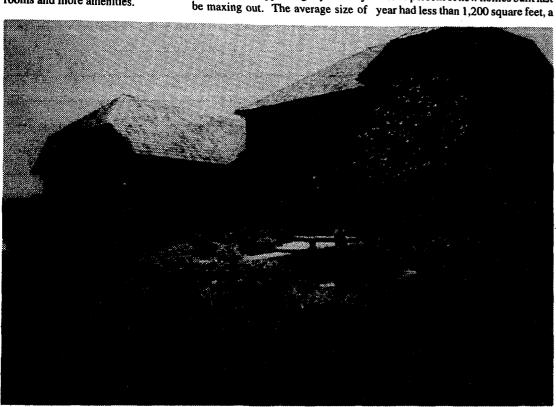
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Most commercial air fresheners do not freshen the air at all. Instead, they mask one odor with another, coat your nasal passages with an undetectable oil film, or diminish your sense of smell with a nerve-deadening agent. For a safer alternative, you may wish to try one of the following:

- Ventilation-Open windows or doors in the house for at least a short period every day. This will also help to reduce toxic fumes
- that may be building up indoors. · Vinegar-Distribute partially the room or boil one tablespoon of white vinegar in one cup of water to eliminate unpleasant
- cooking odors. Cinnamon & Cloves—Boil these spices for a fragrant smell. For ease of cleaning, make a cheesecloth bag to contain the spices, and boil the cheesecloth bag. An excellent alternative when entertaining is to steep spiced
- tea or cider. Potpourri—Buy or make your own potpourri from your favorite herbs and spices. Place the potpourri in a small basket or jar or in small

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- Vanilla\*—Place pure vanilla on a cotton ball in a small saucer. Place the saucer in the car or refrigerator to remove odors. It is highly recommended to remove even skunk odors. Keep the cotton ball out of reach of children; vanilla
- has a high alcohol content. · Baking Soda-Place a partially filled saucer of baking soda on the refrigerator shelf. Replace every two months and when you do, pour the contents of the used box down the drain to remove odors and keep the drain clean. Baking soda can also be used to deodorize bottle by filling them with undiluted baking soda and

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allowing the bottles to soak overnight. Then wash as usual.

- Borax\*-Empty the garbage frequently and clean the can as needed. To inhibit growth of odorproducing molds and bacteria, sprinkle one-half cup Borax in the bottom of the garbage can.
- Vinegar or Celery Stalk-To avoid or remove onion odors from your hands, rub white vinegar on your hands before and after slicing. Rubbing hands with the end of a celery stalk will also remove the

#### Cleaners

- All Purpose Cleaner-Mix vinegar and salt together for a good surface cleaner. Another useful cleaner is baking soda. Dissolve four tablespoons baking soda in one quart warm water. You can also use baking soda on a damp sponge to clean and deodorize all kitchen and bathroom surfaces.
- Carpet & Rug Cleaner-If you plan to shampoo your carpet, first try a pre-cleaning treatment. the nap stand up and loosen the imbedded din. Next vacuum. with this work alone, the rug should show a noticeable improvement. so much in fact that you may decide to delay the shampooing. To neutralize odors use Borax\* and cornmeal. Sprinkle the carpet with a mixture of one cup Borax and two cups cornmeal. Let this mixture stand for an hour before vacuuming. Another alternative is baking soda. Making certain that the carpet is dry, sprinkle baking soda liberally over the entire carpet. Wait at least 15 minutes. or overnight if the odor is particularly bad, before vacuuming.
- Decal Remover-Use vinegar to remove no-slip decals from the bathtub. Saturate a sponge or cloth and squeeze hot vinegar over the decals. Vinegar also removes stick-on hooks from pointed walls. Saturate a cloth or sponge with vinegar and squeeze the liquid behind the hook so that the vinegar comes in contact with the adhesive. In addition, vinegar can be used to remove price tags and other decals, from glass, wood, and china. Paint the label or decal with several coats of white vinegar. Give the vinegar time to soak in and after several minutes
- the decal can be rubbed off. Disinfectant Soap—Regular cleaning with plain soap and hot water will kill some bacteria. A key element to preventing bacteria is to keep things dry. Mold, mildew and bacteria cannot live

without moisture. Borax has long been recognized for its disinfectant and deodorizing properties. Mix one-half cut Borax into one gallon hot water and clean with this solution. Isopropyl Alcohol\* is also an excellent disinfectant. sponge with it and allow to dry (it must dry to do its job). Use in a well-ventilated area and wear gloves.

Drain Cleaners & Drain Openers—To avoid clogging drains, use a drain strainer to trap food particles and hair: collect grease in cans rather than pouring it down the drain; pour a kettle of boiling water down the drain weekly to melt fat that may be building up in the drain; or weekly put some vinegar and baking soda down your drain to break down fat and keep your drain smelling fresh. A time-honored drain opener is the plunger. This inexpensive tool will usually break up the clog and allow it to float away. It may take more than a few plunges to unclog the drain. Do not use this method after any commercial drain opener has been used or is still present in the standing water. Another way to avoid clogs is to use baking soda and vinegar. Pour one-half cup baking soda down the drain. Add one-half cup white vinegar and cover the drain if possible. The combination of baking soda and vinegar can break down fatty acids into soap and glycerine, allowing the clog to wash down the drain.

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# The once-a-year once-over for your home's exterior

You may not judge a book by its cover, but think again if you're applying that adage to your home. Whether buying, selling or staying put, your home's exterior greatly affects first impressions as well as market value. By properly maintaining its exterior, your home's curb appeal is enhanced and you protect your investment. While no home is truly maintenance free, an annual house checkup keeps chores in check and rewards you while you live there and when you sell.

"Curb appeal is one of the most important factors in home sales." says Kathy Diffley, president of the St. Paul, Minn., Area Association of Realtors. "If you drive up to a house that's well cared for, buyers become excited." In fact, Diffley asserts that many buyers'make a decision within a few seconds of arriving at a home - before even entering the front door. "Buyers are busy," says Diffley. "There's seldom time to view an interior if the exterior is disappointing.

Both the condition and color of a home's exterior affect buyers' impressions. According to Ray Pittman, a Chicago industrial designer and member of the prestigious Color Marketing Group, color also influences purchase decisions. Pittman, who advises Masonite Corporation on color choices for their Colorlok® factoryfinished hardboard siding line, says, "Introducing a new, carefully selected siding color, or 'tweaking' a current shade, has been known to increase a siding's sales by as much

as 40 percent in just one year." And maintenance of your home's exterior should increase its worth and your pleasure. Think of home maintenance as physical fitness for your home. This enables you to take preventative measures to avoid situations that can become time-consuming, costly problems. Start with a yearly home inspection. It's all too easy to become complacent about minor problems right under your nose. Drive up to your house, viewing it through the eyes of a buyer. As Diffley puts it, "It's amazing what homeowners suddenly see!

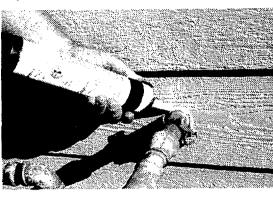
First, how do your sidewalk and driveway look? Do you see cracks or buckles? Consider calling an expert to determine if replacement is needed, or if other remedies will

Next, check out your landscaping. Is it neatly trimmed, or overgrown? Are foliage and shrubbery surrounding your home gangly or growing against the siding? If so, trim them to restore that "cared for" look. This also benefits your siding by restoring air circulation between shrubs and siding, and giving sunshine access to help keep the siding dry. While inspecting, check to see if algae or mildew is growing on the siding, especially behind the plants. If so, buy a mildew wash at your local hardware store and apply it to affected areas.

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A yearly home inspection can help avoid costly maintenance problems while protecting the beauty



Any opening that can lead directly to the interior walls of the home should be sealed to the weather.



All flashing installations should be caulked with a non-hardening, high quality, long-life caulk.



Paint protects the home's siding from wear and damage due to the weather.



Cutting foliage away from direct contact with the siding helps prevent algae and mildew growth.



your home's "welcome mat." Check its appearance and make any needed improvements. (How's the screen door? Polish that door knob and/or kick-plate. Repaint if color is fading.) Next, take a close look at your windows. Is the trim peeling or bubbling? It may be time to scrape and repaint.

Now take a look at the house as a whole. Does your home's exterior appear clean and well maintained? Does the siding have dents, cracks or discoloration? Check siding for any nail or caulking irregularities. If nails protrude, lightly tap them flush with the siding. If nails are overdriven, fill in with a high-quality caulk.

Also, apply new caulk in places where the old is loose or cracked, after removing old caulk.

Is your paint cracking, flaking, eroding, or is the color simply out of date? A fresh coat may be the best solution. Be sure to clean your siding prior to repainting. If any substrate is bare, apply primer and follow with two high-quality topcoats. Also, remember to paint the bottom edge of the siding as well as the face. Carefully select your new color to ensure lasting appeal.

"Lifestyles influence color. In today's working world, the hectic pace makes us seek comfort and sanctuary at home," says designer

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Pittman. "Colors are taking their cue from nature. Brick and stone elements and generous roof designs require siding colors that complement and integrate with these natural materials." For example, tans, buffs, khakis and warm grays work very well. Color elements and craftsmanship elements will tie it all together. Adds Pittman, "Siding color lightened five times becomes the perfect trim shade. Pastels are returning, but more like faded, stronger colors, rather than the chalkier pastels of vesterday."

Maybe it's time to replace your siding altogether. Hardboard sidings resist the denting, cracking, rusting or corroding to which other sidings are susceptible. Masonite Corporation's Colorlok or SuperSide® sidings are excellent alternatives.

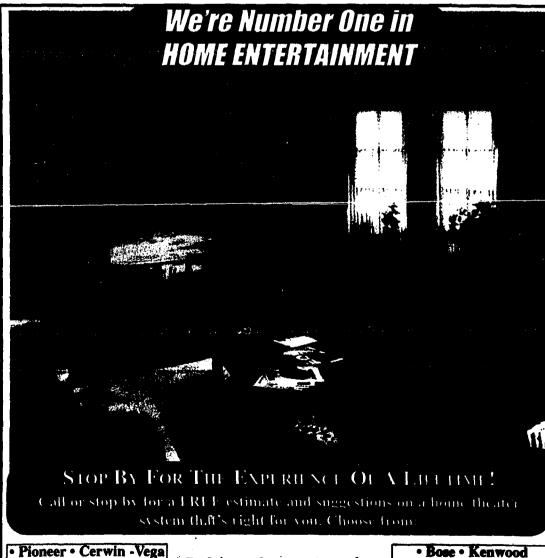
If you prefer a custom color or dramatic painting scheme, consider a siding that comes factory primed and ready to paint, such as SuperSide, which is available in weathered pine, rough-sawn cedar and classic smooth design styles. SuperSide's color is limited only by your imagination.

Finally, Realtor Diffley reminds us of the number one rule of home maintenance. "Don't get behind. Stay abreast of what needs to be done.

# **Energy Facts**

Ninety-nine percent of the natural gas consumed in the United States comes from North America, with 88 percent coming from the lower-48 states

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